

Apple Class Newsletter

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News / Information

Welcome back to a very sunny and happy school! It is always lovely to see the blossom on our Cherry tree and signifies that spring is here with summer on the way.

Sue and I were delighted to see the children on Monday, they were all so excited to be back and equally thrilled by our new topic 'Traditional Tales'. As usual I had spent some time transforming the classroom (photos to come) into a room packed with book related resources.

Fundraising for books – usually we hold a cake sale to raise funds for Apple class. This year I was hoping to buy more reading scheme books, particularly 'Yellow' banded ones. However, cake sales are tricky at the moment. Therefore, Jon and I came up with the idea of a sponsored read! There will be more information to come, but we are hoping it will be a fun way to raise money and include the children in the process. It links nicely to our topic and the that it is for books in the classroom. With Sally permission I have ordered some books already, so that the children can benefit now. The money raised will go back into school funds to cover the costs. A set of 52 books cost roughly £250!!

Phonics

We will continue to revisit all Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs, with lots of practical opportunities to apply skills in their reading and writing.

Phase 3 – This week the letter-sounds we are revisiting **ow, ou, igh, ie** and the Tricky words: **he, she, me, we, be, my, are, was, they, all, her, you**

What are we learning this week:

We are beginning the topic of traditional tales with the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. The children knew this story well and enjoyed joining in with me as I read! The children will be asked to write 2 or 3 sentences re-telling parts of the story. We will focus on the key element of a beginning, middle and end. In maths we are now exploring and investigating numbers beyond 10. The children will draw upon their previous learning and find ways to build numbers such as 10 and 1 together make 11. *At home you could watch the Number Blocks (series 3) numbers 11 to 20.* On Friday we will be learning more about 'Bears' where they live, what they eat and the different types of bears found around the world. We will also use the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to visit Mike's Meadow where the children will build bear dens!

PE – Jon (Tuesday afternoons) Games

Nikki (Thursday mornings) Dance

Please ensure your child has their kit in school with daps.

Teacher Awards

**Oli and
Laurie**

