

Apple Class Newsletter

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News / Information

The children have settled back into school life amazingly! We have been so impressed with their levels of engagement and excitement for the topic.

Firstly, I have been blown away with the money raised so far for our sponsored reading challenge. On last count the children had reached 666 pages between them. Truly amazing! We have smashed our target of £250 which means that we will be able to purchase more books!! My Play Club has also raised some money for the class so I am planning to buy some nice resources for the classroom.

I have Child Protection training on Thursday, therefore, I will be teaching on Tuesday and Jon will be in on Thursday.

As we head into sunnier weather, I now have a collection of jumpers in class. Unfortunately, none of them are named. Can you please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled as the children do have a habit of taking their jumpers and cardigans off when hot and leaving them either in the classroom or sometimes outside. It would be lovely to get these jumpers back to their rightful owners!

Don't forget 'Pyjamarama' day on Friday!

Phonics

I have completed my phonics assessments, taken with each child. I will send out individual feedback this week. For the duration of this term, we will continue to revise the Phase 3 programme but will now include two handwriting sessions as well. We started these last week and the class really enjoyed a new challenge!

What are we learning this week:

Last week we began a new series of active story making using the popular traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf'. The children completed story maps, depicting the key elements of the story. This week they will revisit the story but will innovate parts such as substituting different animals for the 3 pigs and wolf. The children are also enjoying being designers and so we will continue this theme on Friday when the class design new homes for the 3 pigs. I plan to video the class, performing the active story, next week for you to view.

In maths last week we focused on 2d shapes – manipulating, arranging and rotating shapes to create pictures and patterns. We also focused on working with a partner to design and copy an arrangement. This week we are looking at 'adding more' using number stories for the children to follow and find totals. In child initiated the children are using 'Chatterpix' (an app) to bring images of their book characters to life!

Teacher Awards

**Dotty and
Laurie**

