

# Apple Class Newsletter

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## News / Information

What a lovely week we had last week, the children continue to be fascinated by bugs and were in the height of excitement when, on Monday, our resident butterflies popped out of their cocoons! We fed them and watched the butterflies spread their wings ready for a life in our playground! Please see the video and images on Twitter, it was truly amazing watching the children's faces as our butterflies flew away.

Shhhh... don't tell!!

On Wednesday we have a little surprise for Apple Class (and Cherry). Using the play club money, I have invited Marie from 'Animals 2U South West' to visit with a collection of special insects. The workshop will involve the children holding and learning more about the insects in her workshop. I wanted to organise something special for the children as we have not been able to do our usual external visits! I will inform the children on Wednesday morning, so if you could keep it a secret that would be great!!

[Animals 2U South West – Animal Encounters, Experiences and Parties](#)

The fun does not stop there! In the afternoon on Wednesday, we have been offered a slot with the football coaches – so the children will have a lovely time learning fun football skills on our astro turfed area.

## Phonics

This week we will begin Phase 4, it is a four week programme. We will continue to revisit the Phase 3 phonemes and tricky words but will use these to introduce new concepts. This week we are looking at CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant consonant) such as tent, milk,

## What are we learning this week:

We are using a Julia Donaldson book called 'What the Ladybird Heard' It's a fun tale set on a farm, with two naughty fella's who want to steal the prize cow from the farmer – however, the Ladybird and animals all hatch a plan!! The children will be asked to write a recount of their favourite part of the story.

In maths, the children amazed last week with their knowledge of odd and even numbers – this week we are revisiting 'teen' numbers. We are also counting larger quantities by grouping in tens and ones.

On Friday we will learn about what insects offer us, particularly bees. We hope to make honey flap jacks and discover more about these dancing bees!!

In art on Monday we are using potatoes to print with, can we use them to create a bug!!

## Teacher Awards

**Peony and  
Amber**

