

Apple Class Newsletter

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News / Information

Welcome back everyone, this term our topic is 'Beautiful Bugs' and we must admit it is a brilliant topic to finish the year with. The children are sooooo excited by this theme that they are continually searching for bugs in our garden space, the playground, Mike's Meadow and even on their way to school. Currently we have a snail hotel accepting new visitors every day plus 5 resident caterpillars. They have already doubled in size, so we are excited to see what happens next.

This term our PE slots will be outside (weather permitting) we are excited to be using the new astro-turfed area. The children are practising games skills but within small teams. This is good preparation for their sports day!

This week is healthy eating week so we have planned a 'Fruity Friday' event where the children will design and put together fruit kebabs – this fits nicely with our story this week 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Maybe you could have fun with your child's snack, provide something a little different – all healthy options of course.

On Tuesday morning we also have a visiting drama workshop who will be working with Apple, Cherry and Willow class. What an exciting week ahead!!!

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, fast, want, think. If you spot them in their books, please highlight them as CVCC words.

What are we learning this week:

We are using the popular book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to learn about the four stages a butterfly goes through before they are an adult. We will reflect upon this story to create artworks in the style of Carle, story maps to show the metamorphosis of a butterfly and for writing shopping lists. In maths we are looking at the inverse of doubling; halving and sharing. The children will engage with this concept through maths stories and practical tasks such as water play, cutting fruit and finding the half of a shape.

On Friday the children will sort and classify different insects according to their key features. They will continue to use our outside space and Mike's Meadow to search for bugs.

For our guided writing this week the children will reflect upon their favourite fruit and why. They will write a descriptive piece, with a range of reasons why they like that fruit.

Teacher Awards

**Daisy and
Bobby**

