

# Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## News / Information

I have now heard all the children read and plan to carry out 1:1 phonic assessments this week. You will then receive a short overview of where your child is at in terms of their phonic knowledge. I am hoping this will help you to support your child at home before we begin Phase 3 in January.

### Nativity

The children now know their parts in the Nativity play. We will provide costumes so no need to worry. The plan is to keep the children at school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> so that Adrian is able to film the performance after work. I will of course give you further details by the end of this week. The children's fairy doors are taking shape and are now ready to be taken to the kiln to be fired. We are really looking forward to the end result.

Could you all be on the look out for a missing sweatshirt with Raphi's name and Arlo's missing polo top, again with is name on the label.

I had a lovely surprise on Friday. Ewan arrived with a box of LCD writing tablets, enough for all the children to use in class!! I am sure these will be hugely popular with the children, especially as so many of them are keen to write! A big thank you to Ewan and his Mum and Dad. xxx

## Phonics

Phase 2 – This week we are revising all Phase 2

letter sounds and tricky words. I will be carrying out phonics assessments next week. Tricky words learnt: **I, no, go, to, the, into**. These are tricky because you cannot decode (sound them out).

## What are we learning this week:

We will begin the week with the story of the Nativity. The children will learn about the key people within the story and the key events leading up to Jesus' birth. We will reflect upon the importance of this story within the Christian calendar. This will inform and support the children with their up and coming Nativity performance.

In maths we are revisiting 2d shapes. We will focus on the properties of circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. You can help your child with this by going on a shape hunt at home. We are also continuing to investigate the concept of number through counting, matching groups to numerals and finding one more or one less.

On Friday we will explore food chains. The children will learn that all food chains begin with a plant. We will look at animal food chains and where humans are within a food chain.

On Tuesday, Jon plans to take the children to Mike's Meadow to create 'leaf art' using found leaves on the ground.

## Teacher Awards

Arlo and Max

*Fantastic maths skills*

