

# Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## News / Information

Well done to everyone for getting through the first 3 weeks, even I forget how tired the children get. It is a big step coming into a classroom with more children to get to know and extra things to take on board such as lunch times! The kitchen staff are ready to meet the class and alongside myself we ensure that the children feel comfortable and happy. The Year six special friends will also be with the children too.

Now the weather is beginning to close in can you please ensure your child has a coat, I know children would rather go out (in all weathers) wearing just a t-shirt but we don't want them to feel uncomfortable during the day.

**We are hoping to visit Mike's Meadow at least once a week and often go (ad hoc) so it would be great if all the pupils now have their wellies in school.**

Each week we give out two Teacher Awards – the theme of which will change each week and is chosen based upon the children's week. It is a great way to celebrate individual successes plus positively reinforce learning behaviours.

## Phonics

**Phase 2** – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (i n m d) *Last week we learnt (satp)* On Monday we will send out the first of our decodable books that will directly match these sounds learnt. The idea is to share these books over a 3-day period – working on decoding and comprehension.

## What are we learning this week:

This week we will focus on our bodies with a special emphasis on the different parts of our bodies! We will also discuss parts such as our hearts, lungs and brains. We will go to Mike's Meadow on Friday, where the children will make 'Leaf people' following the story book 'Leaf Man'.

In maths we are looking focusing on sorting and comparing objects within groups. Using live modelling I will show the children ways in which to sort, count groups with 1:1 correspondence and play games such as 'guess my rule'.

We will look at the book 'Super Duper Me' and discuss what we are good at – what are our superpowers! In Music the children will continue to learn about the 'pulse' or 'beat' within a song. They will revisit the songs 'Pat a cake and 1,2,3,4,5' plus learn a new song 'This Old Man'.

In PE will continue to play games that will develop the children's ability to listen and respond using whole body movements.

## Teacher Awards

