

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 1

2nd October 2023



News / Information

The first full-time week is always a long and tired one, however, the class were brilliant and by Friday were excited to come back on Monday.

This week we are welcoming Millie, a trainee teacher from UWE. She will be with us for some considerable time – up until the end of January. I know she is excited to be a part of our Batheaston community.

This week is 'kindness Week' and 'Reading is Magic'. I will be incorporating both themes throughout the week, with a lovely selection of books to share and activities to promote kindness and friendship. **Plus the Book Fair arrives on Wednesday!**

On Saturday Sally and I will be opening up the school for prospective parents and pupils (I know we met some of you last year on our Saturday open day) Please pass on details to any friends or family that are now looking for their child for next year – all welcome!

Dates to remember:

Phonics Workshop for parents -Tuesday 10th October at 9am in the classroom (Jon will take the class in the hall).

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (**g o c k**) and tricky word 'is'

We are currently teaching the children how to orally segment and blend i.e. s-a-t is sat. Please model this with your child when sharing your books.

What are we learning this week:

We begin the week with the text 'The Colour Monster' a popular book, exploring the theme of emotions. Its accessibility to young children, is made easier by linking colours with feelings. We will continue to use this theme of colour and emotions for the rest of the year, supporting the children's ability to recognise the differing feelings they may experience on a day-to-day basis. For the theme of kindness and reading is magic, we will also use a beautiful book called 'Blue'. In this story we will explore how kindness and friendship can support someone who is feeling sad or blue!

Last week we went to the Meadow to create leaf people, in response the book 'Leaf Man'. Following on from this theme we will be looking at the artist 'Andrew Goldsworthy' who uses only natural materials to create art installations.

In maths we are comparing objects by size – encouraging the children to investigate and use the language of measure. Lastly, in science the children will be challenged to create a colourful coat for Elmer the elephant – using magnets and paint – it could get messy!!!

Teacher Awards

Clemmie and Marshall

