

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

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News / Information

Welcome back everyone, we hope you enjoyed the autumnal break. This term we have a new topic, we chose a theme that would incorporate the class interests in transport and journeys. Therefore, we have gone for 'Magical Journeys' because we always need a little magic before Christmas!! I will send home the knowledge organiser, so that you can get involved with your child's learning.

We continue with Phase 2 phonics this term, learning more tricky words and phonemes. I will continue to send the weekly phonics overview so that you can support your child at home. I completed the phonic assessments last term so we will stick in a short report in your child's book bag.

PE will continue on a Tuesday pm – with Jon and Thursday am – with Nikki. This term I am teaching gym, so please ensure that if your child has very long hair, they have it tied back.

This week we will be welcoming two UWE students, who will be completing a two-week placement in Apple Class.

Lastly, we will be going on a walk around the village on Wednesday morning. This will be a road safety walk plus a chance to spot different transport on our roads!

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/digraphs (**ff**, **ll**, **ss** j)

The children will be introduced to a digraph this week (ck) they will learn the mantra 'A digraph is two letters one sound' Tricky words are words you cannot sound out – **put**, **pull**, **full**, **as**

What are we learning this week:

In Drawing Club, we are looking at the very famous book 'Where the Wild Things Are' We chose this book to start as it follows the magical journey Max takes, when he visits a strange place with strange monsters. The children will use the themes in this book to create their own Wild Things and re-create the setting of a creepy forest!

In Maths we are looking at the composition of 1 2 3. We know the children can count beyond these numbers, and that they will be able to recognise them. However, we will be doing some work on 'Subitising' which is the ability to identify the quantity of objects, or pictures without needing to count them. Early pattern recognition will be the dots on a dice, however, the children will be exposed to random patterns too.

On Friday, we will discuss the types of transport we can travel on – either by air, road, rail or water. This will be start of our magical journeys.

Teacher Awards

