

# Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

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## News / Information

Last week our magical journey took us into choppy waters, pirates and gold were the theme. On Friday the Night Pirates left us clues to find gold (chocolate) in Mike's Meadow – it was magical to the adults to see the children so excited to be on their own pirate journey!!

Graham and Himi finished their two-week placement with us on Friday, they were sad to be going back to UWE. They had such a wonderful time in Apple Class and felt very welcomed by the staff and children.

This week we will be starting our Christmas craft – in readiness to sell at our Christmas Fair. Watch this space!

Phonics – the children are loving learning new phonemes and tricky words. Over the next couple of weeks, they will be exposed to new digraphs. To help them, please use the sheets I prepare for home learning. Also spotting tricky words are a really helpful way of supporting their recognition.

Lastly, I have several blue and red school jumpers in my class with no name – I will put them outside the classroom – if they are not collected this week, I will put add them to the second-hand box.

## Phonics

**Phase 2** – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/digraphs (z zz qu ch sh)

The children will be introduced to a digraph this week (qu) they will learn the mantra 'A digraph is two letters one sound' Tricky words are words you cannot sound out – go no to into

## What are we learning this week:

It's animation week in Drawing Club, I think the children will like this one – it's Wacky Races! We will use this theme for the children to design new race mascots, wacky vehicles and decide upon a winning or losing prize!!

In maths, we are having a week of shapes – focusing on squares and triangles. The class will be encouraged to look for shapes in the environment, use shapes to create a new car and learn more about the properties of these shapes.

In science we will be learning about how vehicles with wheels move. The children will be testing the questions – do vehicles with bigger wheels move faster? They will play around with the use of plinths to encourage the movement of a toy vehicle, observing changes in speed.

*I am out on training on Friday, Amy Hill will be the supply, but Millie and Amy will with the class. I will let the children know.*

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