

# Apple Class Newsletter

Spring 1

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## News / Information

We had another successful week, learning more about dinosaurs and the past. On Friday we focused on Mary Anning, the Victorian fossil hunter who lived in Lyme Regis. The class really enjoyed learning about her. This week the children will continue with their training, using non-fiction books to find out about the different types of dinosaurs that roamed the Earth in Pre-historic times.

If you wish to extend your child's interest further, I would highly recommend The Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. They have many interesting exhibits, including a whole floor on Dinosaurs. Plus it is free entry. Please see link below.

[Bristol Museum & Art Gallery | Bristol Museums](#)

Exciting new feature in our Apple Class outside space – Using Fobs and Play Club money I was able to purchase a shelter/den/role play area, which I think the children will get a lot of use from. I have also added some extras such as storage for the small tyres and 4 wooden crates, which also double up as seating! Watch this space for some wonderful play outside.

## Phonics

**Phase 3** – We will be learning new digraphs and trigraphs– please use the home learning sheet to support your child with these new sounds.

This week: ur, ow, oi, ear  
New tricky words – my by all

## This week...

It is animation week in Drawing Club, therefore we will focus our drawings on 'Dino Babies' I think the children will enjoy this rather retro cartoon! But I have lots of ideas for them to imagine and think about.

In maths we are looking at ordering numerals 1-5 and the corresponding quantities, mainly in the form of Numberblocks. The class will continue to use their subitising skills to recognise quantities without counting. This they can do with familiar patterns such as the dots on a dice, so we will further challenge the children using random patterns, where they will be encouraged to identify hidden numbers i.e. 2 and 3 altogether makes 5.

On Friday, we will be supporting the children's understanding of dinosaurs through sorting opportunities. Throughout the week we will look through non-fiction books, to find out key facts and discover the differing features of dinosaurs. We are hoping the children will be able to sort and classify, using their knowledge of these features, rather than relying on colour or type.

On Monday, we will be going an archaeological dig in Mike's Meadow, we will be following in the footsteps of Mary Anning!

**Teacher  
Awards**

**Dergham  
and Luke**

