

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 1

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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 will ensure that the children feel comfortable and happy. The Year six special friends will also be with the children too.

It will feel a little busier in the mornings, so bear this in mind when arriving to the door. The gates open at 8.40am and registration starts at 8.50am. This gives you and us a window of time to greet every child at the door. We will support you and your child to enter happily and independently.

As the weather begins 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.

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**) On Thursday we sent out the first of our decodable books these will directly match the 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:

In Drawing Club we are using a classic traditional tale to inspire the children through art and design. The 3 Billy Goats Gruff will take us on an adventure where a hungry troll gets duped by the 3 goats! We will have fun drawing trolls and making bridges that will hold the weight of a small toy.

In maths we are focusing on subitising quantities 1,2,3 – this is the skill to 'count with your eyes' recognise quantities of objects or pictures without the need to count. We will also be using the Numberblocks series to support this concept.

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**

**Hattie and
Josh**

