

Apple Class Newsletter



Autumn 1 29th September 2025

News / Information

The first full-time week is always a long and tiring one, however, the children coped brilliantly. Their special friends were also an amazing help during lunch time.

Our lobby area display is now complete, with beautiful self-portrait paintings and drawings of our families. We have already had many compliments on the level of skill coming from our Apples, so please do take the time to have a look at the work. On Friday, we had an amazing morning being 'structural engineers', who knew that designing and building bridges could be so much fun. Do take a look at the images we have uploaded on Facebook and Bluesky.

On Wednesday the Travelling Book Fair will be arriving. The books will be situated in the Lobby area. Information was sent out last week. There will be a lovely range of books on sale. The Fair will be with us until Tuesday 7th October.

Louise took the class to Mike's Meadow on Wednesday last week and hopes to do so again this week. Just a reminder that wellies should now be in school so that all the children are equipped for the wetter weather.

Date reminder: Phonics and Reading workshop for parents on: Tuesday 14th October at 9am

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:

This week we will focus on our bodies with a special emphasis on the different parts of our bodies! We will also discuss parts such as our hearts, lungs and brains. We will go to Mike's Meadow on Wednesday, where the children will make 'Leaf people' following the story book 'Leaf Man'.

In Drawing Club, it is animation week! This is where we use an animation story to inspire the children with drawing, making conversations and maths. This week it is 'Funnybones', a classic story written by Allan Alberg, produced in the early 1990's. The children will be drawing skeletons and other themes set within the programme. Drawing club has quickly become a favourite part of our curriculum already!

In maths we are continuing to use the skill of subitising to 'count with our eyes'. Already the children are able to recognise different arrangements of objects and pictures 1-3. We will also be focusing on the skill of counting a number of objects up to 10 and beyond – using 1:1 correspondence. We will learn different strategies such as grouping objects or lining them up to be accurate.

Teacher Awards

Bonnie and Manny

