

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

3rd November 2025



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 Space and Space travel. Louise, Amy and I are very excited as this topic can offer so much in terms of learning and magical experiences. Year 5, Maple Class are also learning about Space, so we are going to join forces with some extracurricular fun!

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, you would have received a copy of your child's assessment form, last term. So please use this to fill in the gaps at home

PE will continue on a Tuesday pm – with and Thursday am – these are the days your child should come into school wearing their kit. This term I am teaching gym, so please ensure that if your child has very long hair, they have it tied back.

This term we will be welcoming a Norland Nanny, to support us in class for up to 4 weeks. They will be with use from mid-November to early December.

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 with two identical letters (these will only appear at the end or in the middle of word) Tricky words are words you cannot sound out – **put**, **pull**, **full**, **as**

What are we learning this week:

In Drawing Club, we are beginning our topic with a wonderful classic 'Whatever Next!' This magical story takes a Bear on a journey to the moon, using an old cardboard box and a bit of imagination! Be prepared for boxes to be held onto at home, they make for a great rocket!

In Maths we are looking at the composition of 5. 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.

In PE, we are starting Gymnastics and Games skills.

On Friday, the children will begin the topic by learning about Space and where we are in the solar system. The children will reflect on our planet Earth as a good starting point.

Teacher Awards

Bella and Georgie
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