

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

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News / Information

Well, it is fair to say that our new topic this term 'Zoom to the Moon' has immediately inspired the children. On Friday, Amy and I were so impressed with their current knowledge of Space. The team are really excited to see the children thrive in the classroom. This week we will be sending out a letter outlining 3 special events we have planned to bring this topic to life!! Already the class have received a letter from Tim Peake and a piece of moon rock. Cardboard boxes have become space rockets, and the role play area is a space centre! What next, I wonder...

This week it is Anti-Bullying Week. We will be taking the time to discuss what the term 'bullying' means and how that can look in the eyes of a young child. We will also use stories based upon kindness and empathy.

Last week, our guided reading sessions began for some groups of children in the class, these are based upon the recent phonics assessment. We call this 'Cosy Time'. It is an opportunity to practise their early reading skills, within a group and led by an adult. It is also a time to have fun, adding expression and checking in with comprehension questions.

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/digraphs (v w x y)

The children will be introduced to a digraph this week (ck) they will learn the mantra 'A digraph is two letters one sound' Tricky words are words you cannot sound out – and, his, her, has

What are we learning this week:

In Drawing Club, the children will meet a friendly Alien called Beegu. Poor Beegu has got lost on planet Earth and he is trying to find friends to help him get home. This is a beautiful story of friendship, kindness and that being different is something not to be afraid of.

In maths we are continuing to use the language of comparison, such as more, fewer and equal to. We will be using water and sand to compare quantities and capacity. The children will continue to investigate ways to make 5 using a range of resources.

On Monday, we will be creating dioramas, using art and collage to create small worlds based upon Space. These will be a collaborative project and will be proudly displayed on our classroom display.

On Friday, we will be entering the world of Space exploration, looking at the first mission to the Moon. Already the children are fascinated by the Moon and rockets!

**Teacher
Awards
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Woody**

