

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

17th November 2025



News / Information

What an exciting week ahead we have planned. On Tuesday evening it is our 'Star Gazing' event. We would like to invite you all back to school for 5pm. You will come into the classroom to look through your child's work and marvel at the displays and environment. There will be hot chocolate and tea available to warm us up before we go outside into the playground. Bring torches or binoculars and dress up warm! This event will finish at 6pm.

On Friday, we have Catherine, a retired engineer and STEM ambassador, coming in to deliver a 'Rocket Workshop'. The children will be supported by our Year Six special friends to design and build a rocket. After play we will then have the opportunity to launch them.

On Thursday at 11am, you are invited to come into class to watch a phonics session in action! I think it can be really useful for you to see the children engage so happily in their learning, plus this could help you to support your child at home.

Just a gentle reminder; can you please ensure that your child has their Book Bag in school all week, especially on the days we change the books (Mondays/Thursdays).

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we continue phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/digraphs (**z zz qu ch**) and plural (**s**)

The children will be introduced to a digraph this week (**qu**) they will learn the mantra 'A digraph is two letters one sound' Tricky words are words you cannot sound out – **go no to into**

What are we learning this week:

It's animation week in Drawing Club, perhaps at the risk of showing my age, we are watching 'Button Moon'. A programme that uses puppetry to tell a story from the Moon. We are sure the children are going to be mesmerised by this retro form of storytelling!

In maths, we be exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part'. We will identify that the parts are still visible when they are assembled to make the whole. We will use shapes, puzzles and construction toys to investigate this, relating it directly to number composition such as... 1 and 2 are parts of 3.

In science we will be exploring the Planets within our solar system. Already the children are learning their names and are fascinated by the different environment on these Planets.

In RE, we are thinking about the people around us who help and guide us. We will relate this family, friends and school.

**Teacher
Awards**

**Michael and
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