

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

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News / Information

Louise, Amy and I are so very proud of all the children, following their performances on Friday. Watching them confidently go on stage, with so many people in the audience, is no mean feat! We hope you captured that moment forever, as I did so many years ago when my two boys were in their Nativity.

This week the children we get the opportunity to watch the KS2 production on Tuesday afternoon, we know they will be keeping an eye out for their special friends in Year six,

This will be Jayla, our Norland Nanny's last week with us. She has really enjoyed her time at Batheaston and has grown very fond of the children. We wish her all the best for the future.

This week we will begin our Christmas festivities, with the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. The children are invited to come in in their Christmas jumpers for the day.

We will be saying goodbye to our topic of space, making room for two weeks of Christmas fun and craft. What an amazing topic it has been, one of my favourites! We are keeping our topic for next term a secret!!

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will be assessing the children individually. This will give us an overview of where your child is in terms of their recognition of all Phase 2 phonemes and some tricky words. We will give you a copy of the assessment to help support your child at home. This week and next, we will review what we have learnt so far. We are also learning how to write a simple caption.

What are we learning this week:

We have a very popular book for Drawing Club this week, *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson. There is a wonderful Christmas feel to this story, with lots of adventures for Stickman along the way. We are certain the children are going to enjoy this week's plans.

In phonics the children have been learning how to write simple CVC words (consonant/vowel/consonant) such as zip, fish, net. They are really enjoying this extra challenge. You can support this at home by creating opportunities to write for purpose, such as shopping lists, name cards and Christmas cards. This week we are beginning to encourage those that are confident to write a simple caption to go with their drawings. You may begin to hear your child talking about capital letters, full-stops and finger spacing. It is so exciting when the children really see the purpose in phonics.

Louise and I will be hearing individual readers. Following on from the phonics assessments, you may find your child will move up a book level.

Teacher Awards

