

Apple Class Newsletter

Spring 2

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News / Information

Last week was filled with much joy and fun. We were very proud of the enthusiasm and smiles on stage for our Spring concert, well done Apple Class.

We ended the week with our day in Mike's Meadow. It was great to see the children with their special friends, playing together in the spring sunshine. The marshmallows were a huge hit too!

On Tuesday, the school nurse will be in to carry out the Reception Heights, weights, sight and hearing tests. On Wednesday, Lou and I will be present for parents meetings. Please ensure you sign up via Arbor.

As we continue developing the children's reading skills in school, we'd greatly appreciate your support in keeping up regular reading at home. We are now focusing not only on accurate decoding using Phase 2 and 3 phonics, but also on building fluency and encouraging children to read with expression. Sharing a short daily reading session with your child—talking about the story, pausing to blend words, and celebrating their growing confidence—makes a huge difference. **The Book Fair will still be available on Monday and Tuesday after school.**

Phonics

Phase 3 –This term we will be revisiting all Phase 3 phonemes, tricky words and decodable words – including double letters. Keep an eye out for the home learning sheet on the back of this newsletter, this will help support your child at home.

This week... In Drawing Club I will be reading 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins. Rosie is a crafty hen who is very aware of a sneaky Fox following her, but just when he thinks he is close enough to pounce, an obstacle gets in his way! We will be creating story maps and writing about the characteristics of Rosie and the Fox.

In maths we are revisiting 'sorting and classifying', asking the children to look for ways to sort a group of objects. We are challenging the children to look beyond colour or type and instead looking at the properties of an object such as a shape.

In art we are going to follow the technique of printing from last week, this time mono-printing. The children will experiment with lines and shapes to create a simple image that will be printed onto paper.

On Thursday, Henry will be coming in to teach the class about sheep dog training. We are looking forward to acting out the role of farmer, sheep and sheepdog!

On Wednesday morning at 10am, we will be going to the Church for our Easter service, parents are welcome.

Teacher Awards

Maya and Leah

