

# Apple Class Newsletter

Summer 1

20<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## News / Information

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your Easter break. This is a shorter term, so lots to pack in!

Our new topic is 'Magical Seeds and Traditional Tales' We will be using stories for inspiration to re-tell or make up our own. The children will use a variety of formats to tell a story such as writing, small world play, construction, outside, role-play, puppets and story mapping. The children will also learn about plants, exploring how they grow and what they need to stay healthy. Please take a look at the knowledge organiser for more details.

We will be attending Celebration Assemblies on Friday mornings from now on. You may get a phone call from Rachael, on Thursday, inviting you in, if your child is to receive an award. The assemblies start at 9am.

*Finally, we would love to have more parental help in class. Hearing children read or general support in the classroom. Please see me or Lou if you are interested.*

**Reminder: PE will continue on Wednesday afternoons with Bath City and Thursday morning with Nikki. Please ensure your child is wearing their kit on those days.**

## Phonics

**Phase 4** –This week we begin Phase 4 of the Little Wandle phonics scheme. The children will continue to revisit Phase 3 phonemes and tricky words. They were introduced to CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) such as best, hump and help. **Tricky words:** so, said, have, like / some, come, do, love / CCVC words: frog, smell, swim

## This week...

In drawing club we are using the story of the Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will enjoy this week, as castles seem to be a popular theme. We will use the theme of designing castles and characterisation, I am sure many will enjoy channelling their inner giant!

In maths we are revisiting the concept of subitising with quantities up to 6. The children already are able to recognise random and familiar patterns with numbers 3, 4 and 5 so this will be an extra challenge.

We will continue our mini-Design and Technology challenge this week. Last week we began the project with popular traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf' The children were asked to think about what makes a home a home. This week they will look at designing a new home for the pigs and considering the best materials to build a stable building. We will also look at the alternative story 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig'. In PE we are concentrating on honing our games skills using a variety of equipment plus working in small teams in preparation for Sports Day, next term.

## Apple Class Garden

Its usually this time of year that we ask parents for help in our garden. Now spring has sprung, the space is looking rather overgrown! In the past, a group of parents have got together and organised a time after school (with some help from the children!) to weed and clear up the bank and pots. Any donations of plants, soil, mulch, pots, garden decorations, would be also greatly appreciated. Over the Easter Break, Lou and I have cleaned up the learning space ready for this term. With warmer days outside we are looking forward to everyone enjoying our garden to learn and play.

## Teacher Awards

