

Apple Class Newsletter

Summer 1

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News / Information

We have another busy week ahead of us, with lots of exciting opportunities for everyone. On Thursday, Apple class will be spending all morning with Alek Domanski, a Nature photographer and videographer. He will be pond dipping with the children and using a camera to see what is really living within our pond. We will then spend time with Marion Hill, a celebrated illustrator, who will be supporting the children to create collage artworks based upon nature and animals local to our area. This is our third year of collaborating with the Beavers Trust. *The children will not need to be in their PE kits on Thursday.*

Thank you for supporting us in the mornings by encouraging your little ones to be more independent. It has definitely had an impact on our start to the day.

On Friday afternoon we will be joining a live webinar with Sir David Attenborough to celebrate his 100th birthday. We know we have a lot of keen naturalists in the classroom! We will also use the morning in Mike's Meadow to draw the plant life.

Meadowfest will soon be upon us, I know the team are still looking for volunteers to help before or on the day.

Phonics

Phase 4 –We continue with Phase 4 of the Little Wandle phonics scheme. The children will continue to extend their knowledge of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) to read and spell longer words (CCVCC CCCVC CCCVCC words).

Tricky words: were here little says

Longer words: blend, scrunch, strong

This week...

It is animation week in Drawing Club and we are going for a classic – Morph! The children will have fun, getting to know the character of Morph and his adventures. We will be getting out the plasticine, where I am hoping to see some new characters to join Morph. It has been lovely introducing the class to animations from the past.

We will be finishing our three-week DT project, by building new homes for the 3 Little Pigs, using a range of materials available. The children will then get to test their buildings stability, when the big bad wolf (AKA my hairdryer) will be attempting to blow down their models! This is going to be fun, I hope they have remembered what makes for a stable building.

In maths we are working with numbers beyond 5. The children will be continuing to use their skills of subitising, where we will be introducing them to the concept of '5 and a bit' such as 5 and 1, 5 and 2 etc.

The children will be continuing to create their own stories, either written or spoken. They will be given the opportunity to use their ideas from last week to invent a new story for the 3 little pigs.

Teacher Awards

