

Apple Class Newsletter

Summer 2

1st June 2026



News / Information

Welcome back, we hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. I cannot believe we are now in our final term, and it will be a busy one! The topic we have chosen this term is 'Passport to the Animal Kingdom'. We have many children fascinated by animals from across the world, so it only felt fitting to end our year together celebrating the class interests – and yes chimpanzees will be present!

Advancing date – Induction picnic on Tuesday 9th June 2.15pm till 3.20pm

As with tradition, we require parents to support this event by providing food and refreshments (Fobs provide the Pimm's) I am sure you can remember the welcome you were given when you came last year. This is a lovely opportunity for you to meet new parents to help welcome them to our lovely school.

PE days – Tuesdays and Thursdays – please remember children should be wearing their PE kits.

Thank you to all those parents who donated plants and came along on Friday to help tame our lovely garden. It is very much appreciated by all of us.

Phonics

Phase 4 – We will continue to work within Phase 4, revisiting prior learning and extending strategies to support reading fluency, writing and spelling. This week we will be reviewing all Phase 3 phonemes and tricky words. We will be looking at CVCC and CCVC word with long vowel sounds i.e. toast, bleed and train.

This week... In Drawing club, we start with non-fiction text called 'Ape'. It is beautifully illustrated and features Chimpanzees, Bonobos, Orang-u-tans and of course gorillas. We know the children will be super excited to learn more about these wonderful animals. On Friday we will be learning about the rainforests these apes inhabit, making comparisons to our own Mike's Meadow.

In maths we are revisiting subitising with quantities up to and beyond 6. The children will use tens frames, Numicon shapes and manipulatives to investigate different compositions of numbers. They will also be introduced to Rekenreks (these are similar to abacus'). The children will use these to find different combinations of numbers up to 10. We will introduce the new topic on Friday with a look at marine animals. We will discuss what we already know about oceans and the animals that live in the sea. The children will identify their favourite marine animal and use this for artworks within the classroom.

We will be assessing the children again in phonics to ascertain their progress and next steps for this term.

In PSHE this term, Louise will be working with the children on the changes coming their way with their transition to Year 1.

**Teacher
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