

# Apple Class Newsletter

Summer 2

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026



## News / Information

It was so lovely watching our little Apples participating on Sports Day. This can be an overwhelming event, but with a good pep talk in the morning, and the call to be brave – the children did themselves proud.

As I write this, I am aware of the expectation of extremely hot weather this week. Therefore, we will make the decision on Monday whether to postpone our mystery trip for an alternative day. To do this we will need to check with the coach company first. The Bristol Zoo project have given us some alternative dates, just in case. Louise and I are determined that our Apples experience this opportunity. Thank you for keeping this trip a secret – can we continue to do so, as fingers crossed, it will still go ahead either Tuesday or another day.

With this in mind, Sally has sent out guidance for you and us as a school to ensure the children are safe during this time. Please ensure you read all the information.

Thank you Diya for organising our online meeting with James Sellick the author. I was so proud of their responses to his questions, they really showed their understanding of a rainforest habitat and its environmental relevance to our planet.

## 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 are off to the Australian outback where we will meet a Koala who is too scared to move from his gum tree. All the animals try to persuade him to take a risk, eventually something happens which forces the Koala to take a leap of faith. The children will learn about the different animals that live in the outback from kangaroos to spiky lizards! The children are really enjoying taking part in factual writing opportunities.

Louise will also use the theme of being brave when faced with change – with a view to talk more about their transition to year 1. I am meeting with Olivia this week to plan several sessions where she will come to the classroom and for the children to visit Cherry class together.

In maths we are looking at the sharing and halving. The children will be encouraged to use the manipulatives to investigate how to half a number of objects. We will use this opportunity to talk about odd and even numbers.

Please look out for our posters, asking people to help protect our rainforests, through being more aware of the palm oil products in our shops. They are beautifully colourful but impactful too!

**Teacher  
Awards**

**Woody and  
Bella**

