

Apple Class Newsletter

Summer 2

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News / Information

On Tuesday it will Apple Class first Forest School session with Creative Roots. Louise and Natalie will be with them. It will be all morning. The children are welcome to wear forest school clothes for the morning, then change into uniform for the afternoon. There will be a further two more sessions on consecutive Tuesdays.

On Thursday it is Shuffle up day. The children will spend the whole day with Olivia in the Cherry classroom. Drop the children off with me as usual in the morning and pick up will be the same too. This will be a great opportunity for the children to get used to the transition going into Year 1.

On Friday Apple Class will taking part in a multi-sports event with Bathampton school. We will be using Rhymes Pavillion field. It will take place all morning, so we would advise the children to come into school in their PE kits. They will need sun hats and plenty of water.

This week we have Laila, an ex-pupil of Batheaston, joining Apple class for her weeks long work experience.

Reports will be coming out on Friday, it has been a pleasure to write about all the children's successes over the year.

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 traveling to India, using the story 'The Tiger Skin Rug'. It follows a tiger that finds itself in the Raj's palace, he hides himself as a rug! As the weeks go by, the Tiger becomes accustomed to life in the Palace – until he becomes a hero and save the Raj family.

Diya, Annie's Mum, has kindly offered to come into class to talk to the children about her childhood in India. This is another lovely opportunity for the children to learn about a different country and culture from their own. We will focus on differences and similarities.

In maths we are looking at ten, investigating ways to find the different number bonds that make up 10. The children will also count larger numbers, grouping objects into ten. We will also practise counting in multiples of 10.

It will be a busy week with events, so the timetable looks a little less full – however, there will be a lot for the children to take on. Louise has been working with the class, discussing change and how this can make us feel. The transition can feel scary; however, I know that Olivia has some exciting things planned for our little Apples on Thursday.

Teacher Awards

We just wanted to say thank you for your support and kind words last week – the extraordinary heat caught us all off guard. Your flexibility and good humour was very much appreciated.

I have to say, the children on Friday were amazing, they came bounding back into school with full excitement (I think they missed school!) We shared all the lovely work that took place at home – thank you.