

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

21st September 2025

News / Information

Welcome to your first newsletter. It was lovely to meet many of you at the Meet the Teacher meeting, if you were unable to attend, I have uploaded the slides onto our Apple Class web page.

Heather had a wonderful time with the children on Thursday and Friday, she is hoping to come back at some point again. On Friday I am attending another training course, Louise will be covering.

Please remember that the children will need to be wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays (navy and/or red clothes).

If you have not provided a family photo for our family board in class, please do bring one in this week – thank you.

We will be beginning our phonics sessions this week, information about what we will be covering will be included on these newsletters. We also send a helpful home learning sheet, so that you can support your child as they learn new phonemes/sounds. **The Phonics Workshop for parents will be on Wednesday 14th October at 3.30pm** – we really advise that you come to this for guidance and support at home.

We look forward to an exciting week ahead as the children enter full-time!

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (s a t p)

What are we learning this week...

We will begin Drawing Club this week, starting with an old favourite 'Not Now Bernard'. The children will have some fun creating their own monster images and building homes for Bernards visiting monster!

In maths we are focusing on subitising quantities 1,2,3 – this is the skill to 'count with your eyes' recognise quantities of objects or pictures without the need to count. We will also be using the Numberblocks series to support this concept.

In Music the children will continue to learn about the 'pulse' or 'beat' within a song. They will revisit the songs 'Pat a cake and 1,2,3,4,5' plus learn a new song 'This Old Man'.

We will be focusing on our homes and where we live. The children will reflect upon their own homes and learn about the key features of a place to live. They will then draw and build replicas of their houses.

In art we will be focusing on the theme of autumn, using Mike's Meadow and natural resources for inspiration.

Teachers Award

Billy
Darcey

