

# Apple Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1

## 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### News / Information

The first full-time week is always a long and tiring one, however, the children coped brilliantly. Their special friends were also an amazing help during lunch time.

On Wednesday the Travelling Book Fair will be arriving. The books will be situated in the Lobby area. There will be a lovely range of books on sale. The Fair will be with us until Tuesday 6th October. The school receives a portion of the money raised which always goes towards buying new books for classrooms.

Last week Louise took the class to Mike's Meadow on Wednesday and hopes to do so again this week. Just a reminder that wellies should now be in school so that all the children are equipped for the wetter weather.

Louise and I both enjoyed our first PE lessons last week, thank you for remembering to dress the children in their kits, for Tuesday and Thursday. We were highly impressed with how independent the children were when putting on their socks and shoes!

*Please check your emails regularly throughout the week as we would not want you to miss any important information. Look out for Sally's Memo on Fridays, as this will give you an overview of the week ahead.*

### Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (**i m n d**)

We are currently teaching the children how to orally segment and blend i.e. s-a-t is sat. Please model this with your child when sharing your books.

### What are we learning this week...

In Drawing Club, we are using a classic traditional tale to inspire the children through art and design. The 3 Billy Goats Gruff will take us on an adventure where a hungry troll gets duped by the 3 goats! We will have fun drawing trolls and making bridges that will hold the weight of a small toy.

In maths we are continuing to use the skill of subitising to 'count with our eyes'. Already the children are able to recognise different arrangements of objects and pictures 1-3. We will also be focusing on the skill of counting a number of objects up to 10 and beyond – using 1:1 correspondence. We will learn different strategies such as grouping objects or lining them up to be accurate.

This week we will also focus on our bodies with a special emphasis on the different parts of our bodies! We will also discuss parts such as our hearts, lungs and brains. We will go to Mike's Meadow on Wednesday, where the children will make 'Leaf people' following the story book 'Leaf Man'.

In PE will continue to play games that will develop the children's ability to listen and respond using whole body movements.

### Teachers Award

Marley

Cleo

