

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

5th October 2026

News / Information

We are so impressed with how well the children are coping with longer days and lunchtimes in school. They are particularly enthusiastic about phonics and drawing club – long may this continue.

The Travelling book fair will be available on Monday and Tuesday, so there is still time to buy a book or two for you home libraries!

The **Harvest Festival** will take place on Wednesday 7th October, at 9.30am at St John's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us in this vibrant celebration.

On Friday 9th October it is non-uniform day. The theme is 'wear a heart day', this can take any form from a hair band to a badge or t-shirt/jumper. All donations will go to the charity Childline.

The booking link for parent meetings will be sent out this week via Arbor. Parent meetings will take place on Thursday 15th October with Nikki and Tuesday 20th October with Louise. **Please select one appointment slot on one of the two available dates only.**

It is kindness week, so throughout the week we will use stories to reinforce the impact being kind to others can have. We will continue to use our kindness pledges 'kind words, kind actions and kind heart' as a theme for achieving rainbow moments.

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (**g o c k**) Tricky word (**is**) 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. *Tricky words are words you cannot sound out.*

What are we learning this week...

In Drawing Club, we are using an animation 'Funny Bones'. This classic TV programme will not doubt inspire the children's drawings. We will focus on the characters and think beyond the story such as drawing a mode of transport for the skeletons!

In maths we will be looking at making patterns using a repeating method, the children will have a range of different resources to practise this skill and tap into their creativity.

On topic Friday, we will revisit our bodies but this time focusing on our bones and skeletal systems. The children will learn about the different bones in our body and how our skeletons support parts of our whole body. Through art and craft, the children will recreate the skeletons within our bodies, using a range of media.

In Computing we have been learning about what a computer is, this week we will introduce the children to the idea of using a device to take photos. We will show the children how they can do this an upload into their Seesaw folders.

Teachers Award

Ione

Raffi

