Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

19th October 2026

News / Information

It was a pleasure to meet with parents last week, I know Louise is looking forward to seeing the remaining parents this week.

On Thursday, the last day of term, I will be out of school for a training course. Heather will be taking the class, which she is really excited about. I know she made a lovely impression with the children last time.

Next term we will have a new topic; Louise and I have chosen a theme that we know will appeal to all of the class. We cannot wait to get the classroom ready in preparation – watch this space!

FoBS have very kindly given each class £100 towards resources; alongside this we have added the Play Club money – giving Apple Class a decent amount to spend on new resources. We will share what we have purchased next term.

Finally, thank you for all your support this term. It is always a busy and long term. With your trust, we are able to, as a team, really get to know the children, provide the nurture and care they need, and support them with the structures and expectations that help create a fun, safe and positive learning environment. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this term and wish you a wonderful break together.

Teachers Award

Mabel

Benji

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (h b f l) Tricky word (is, I, and) *The children will be introduced to a digraph this week (ck) they will learn the mantra 'A digraph is two letters one sound'*

What are we learning this week...

In Drawing Club, we are looking at a classic book **'The Tiger who came to Tea'**. We are certain the children will love this story based upon a tiger who eats all the families food from their kitchen. Over the week the children will engage in activities based upon tigers, food and role play. We will start the week on Monday by making 'Apple Rock Cakes'. Hopefully there will be no tigers around to eat them all!!

In maths we are looking at comparison, using the language more than, less than and the same. The children will also be encouraged to apply their new skills of subitising to identify the quantities of small groups. On the investigation table, we are asking the children to sort different resources, such as dominoes, Numicon, dot arrays, to sort into groups of their own choice.

In art we will be using are sense of sight to draw by observation. Using our autumn gourds the children will draw with oil pastels. This is a challenging skill as we will be encouraging them to look specifically at the shape, texture, patterns and colour. **Funky Fingers** is a programme we devised that supports the children's fine motor skills. To music, the children work in groups, taking part in fun, simple activities. It has become a highlight of the children's week – David Bowie's Starman is a particular favourite

