Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

2nd November 2026

News / Information

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. We are excited to begin our new topic, All Aboard for a Magical Journey. By combining vehicles, journeys and a touch of magic, we think this theme will capture the imagination of all the children and inspire lots of exciting learning. During the term we will use story books, to take the children to on magical journeys, whilst learning about the science behind what makes something move. The topic will also lead nicely into Christmas, which will be upon us before you know it!

Just a reminder, PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please ensure your child is wearing their kit for the day. Can we also ask that your child is now coming into school with a warm coat.

This term we will be welcoming a trainee Norland Nanny, called Mary. She will be with us from Monday 16th November until Thursday 10th December.

We are already thinking about our Nativity performance which will be on Friday 4th December – daytime and evening. We will let you know in due course your child's role and any costume requirements.

This week we will send home your child's phonic assessment report.

Teachers Award

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (ff ss ll j) Tricky word (put, pull, full, as) **The children will be introduced to a digraph with two identical letters (these will only appear at the end or in the middle of word)**

What are we learning this week...

In Drawing Club, we are starting our topic with 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'. A funny tale of a car journey that includes not just Mr Gumpy but also a collection of animals wanting to have an adventure. Getting stuck in the mud was not what anyone had in mind!!

In maths we are looking at the composition of 5. We know the children can count beyond these numbers, and that they will be able to recognise them. However, we will be doing some work on 'Subitising' which is the ability to identify the quantity of objects, or pictures without needing to count them. Early pattern recognition will be the dots on a die; however, the children will be exposed to random patterns too.

We will be looking at the tradition of fireworks and bonfire night, using different art and craft techniques to depict this popular celebration.

In PE, Louise will continue to teach games skills on Tuesday, and I will be teaching gymnastics on Thursday. Can we please ask that children with very long hair have it tied up for gym.

On Friday we will begin the topic by identifying the different modes of transport, sorting by land, water and air.

