# Apple Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

## 9th November 2026

## News / Information

This week, we are very lucky to have **Vimal (Ella's dad)** joining us on Thursday morning to teach the children about **Diwali**. He will be reading a story to the children and sharing some of the customs and traditions associated with this beautiful Hindu festival. We are looking forward to learning more about this special celebration. Therefore, there will be no PE session on Thursday.

We are all so excited about this new topic, the children particularly enjoyed our story last week 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'. We have more exciting books to share over the coming weeks.

We have changed the display in the classroom, situated in the cloakroom. Each child has their own boxed section, where we will put up their work as the term goes on. You are always welcome to come in, after school, to look around the classroom and displays.

On Friday we visited our main school library, so you may notice an extra book in your child's book bag. We will be doing this every Friday afternoon, so please bring the book back ready for your child to change it for another.

## Phonics

**Phase 2** – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (v w x y) Tricky word (and has his her ) **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...

The children will be going on a magical bus journey in Drawing Club! The book we are using is 'The Hundred Decker Bus'. I think we are going to enjoy the element of surprise, as the bus driver decides to take his passengers on a different route, along the way, more people get on board, and thus more decks are needed!!

In maths we are continuing to use the language of comparison, such as more, fewer and equal to. We will be using water and sand to compare quantities and capacity. The children will continue to investigate ways to make 5 using a range or resources.

It is science week this week, therefore on Friday going to learn about magnets, using magnetic trains as a way in to explain how they work. We will explore which metals are magnetic and use language such as attract, pull and push. The children will know that magnets create an invisible force!

As part of our personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum, we will be sharing the NSPCC's PANTS video with the children. The PANTS programme helps young children understand that their body belongs to them and teaches important messages about staying safe in a simple, age-appropriate way.

## Teachers Award

Raffi and Esmae



Felix's drawing of Mr Gumpy's Motor car. Gregg Botrill – the founder of Drawing Club said it was full of joy!