Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

16th November 2026

News / Information

We had a wonderful morning with Vimal on Thursday. The children were so excited to take part in the Diwali inspired activities. It was lovely to learn more about this festival, through Vimal's experiences within his family. Thank you, Vimal.

On Thursday the school nurse will be visiting to take the children's measurements for height and weight, plus an eye test. Louise is covering on this day to, although I will be in the school.

This week Mary, our Norland Nanny trainee, will be beginning her 4-week placement in Apple Class. We are really looking forward to meeting her and having an extra pair of hands in the classroom from Monday to Thursday.

On Wednesday morning, myself and Louise will be taking the class out for road safety walk around the village. We will also have Lucy and Mary accompanying us. This is a yearly activity, that enables us to reinforce road safety guidelines. We will also be taking a short traffic survey too!

This week Louise and I will be allocating roles for our Nativity Tableau. We will send out these details and any costume requirements by next week. Exciting times!!

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we will begin phase 2 in our phonics programme. The class will be introduced to 4 graphemes/sounds (z qu ch plural (s)) Tricky word (go no to into) **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...

It's animation week in Drawing Club, I think the children will like this one – it's Wacky Races! We will use this theme for the children to design new race mascots, wacky vehicles and decide upon a winning or losing prize!!

In maths, we be exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part'. We will identify that the parts are still visible when they are assembled to make the whole. We will use shapes, puzzles and construction toys to investigate this, relating it directly to number composition such as... 1 and 2 are parts of 3.

In science we will be learning about how vehicles with wheels move. The children will be testing the questions – do vehicles with bigger wheels move faster? They will play around with the use of plinths to encourage the movement of a toy vehicle, observing changes in speed.

We will be going to Mike's Meadow on Monday afternoon instead of Wednesday morning. The children will be given time to design and build obstacle courses or racing tracks, using natural found materials.

This week it is Antil-Bullying week. We will be using stories to discuss what bullying looks like, and how we can support each other if we feel someone may be being bullied. We will of course keep referring to our kindness pledges.

Teachers Award

Noah and Zuzu



We decorated Diva lamps and created Rangoli patterns.