



Apple News 2019 - 2020

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to settle into Apple class this week. They are becoming increasingly familiar with the routines of the classroom and their new classroom environment.

In English, we have been undertaking activities in preparation for the introduction of our cumulative story, 'The Gingerbread Man' linked to our Talk for Writing unit. The first activity involved the children verbally telling me a story that they know or have created, which I have then recorded in their books. This was an opportunity for them to share their amazing story ideas. The children have also had the opportunity to write a short story, using a picture as a hook to inspire their imagination. We also had our first practice of imitating our core story, 'The Gingerbread Man'.

In Maths we have been exploring the importance of place value. This week, the children have been participating in practical activities by sorting objects into groups. For example, children were sorting their objects by colour or size. We have also completed some maths meetings. The children had the opportunity to recap some previous learning, yet, at the same time explore familiar mathematical questions at a deeper level. The children have also been practicing their counting up to 50, and then counting backwards from 20. Next week we will be moving on to explore place value even further so please feel free to continue these practical learning experiences at home.

The morning sessions in Apple class are very structured with the children participating in phonics, maths and English. The afternoon sessions mainly consist of handwriting with the children also accessing some continuous provision as they did in reception. This is to help the children adjust to the transition of being in year 1.

The children in Apple class will continue to read with an adult on the same day as they did when they were in reception. Apple class PE days are on a Monday and a Thursday.

Finally, please see the reverse of this newsletter for information regarding the flu vaccinations.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Mulligan, Mrs Young & Mrs Whiting.