

Apple Class News



Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are at the end of the first week and what a week it has been! We are so proud with how the children have settled and adapted to Year 1 and the new routines within school. I am sure that you are all really proud too.

Our topic in Year 1 this half term is 'Marvellous Me' and the Talk for Writing text we are using in English is 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. As part of the topic we will be looking at how the children have changed through time, their likes and dislikes as well as families. In support of this we would love it if you are able to email us with pictures of the children as babies to share with the class. Once we have all of them including the Apple Class staff baby pictures we will also be trying to guess who is who. Looking for clues in the pictures and looking out for the similarities in facial features.

This week the children have been amazing us with their phonic knowledge and how much they have remembered from their time in reception both within our school and the new children that have joined us from other schools. The children have also applied their phonics to reading and writing challenges which we can use to celebrate their progress as their reading and writing skills improve throughout the year. In Maths the children have been recalling and consolidating their understanding of number and looking at one more or less than a given number.

We have also enjoyed lots of busy learning activities where we have been practising our cutting skills, making shape models, name writing and drawing pictures of our families with labels. Their behaviour and listening skills have been brilliant and I feel very lucky to be their teacher and so does Mrs Barwick as our class teaching assistant.

I would also like to thank the parents that have advised both myself and the office of the plans for adults and childminders collection and different days. Please could you ensure if you have not already done so that both Mrs Rose in the office and I have this information and either email or call the office should there be a last minute change.

Additional information

- ❖ PE days are on Monday and Thursday so these are the days that they will need to come into school in their PE kits. No earrings for PE please.
- ❖ Books - in response to the system that worked well last year I will name days for specific one to one reading with your child and this will be sent out individually to your parent email addresses. New books will all still be sent out on a Monday and returned on Friday in preparation for the changeover.
- ❖ Snacks - children may bring in a healthy snack for morning break - snacks can include a piece of fruit, a fruit based snack such as yo-yos, cheese, small yoghurts or a flapjack style biscuit. The children will also be provided with a piece of fruit in the afternoon as part of the schools free fruit and healthy schools programme. Please remember not to send snacks with nuts in to ensure we protect any member of our class and school community that may have a nut allergy.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Southon & Mrs Barwick