



# Apple News 2018-19

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in English we have begun to learn our new story 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have explored some of the vocabulary at the beginning (elderly, keen, cosy cottage, one fine day), noted the -er and -ed suffixes and practiced adding them to other words. We have also role played the conversation between the gardeners as they planned to plant a turnip seed. **Word of the week - 'meanwhile'.**

In maths we have been learning that subtraction is the inverse of addition by making models of our number bonds, then taking one part away. We have used stem sentences as we have manipulated our models and pictures to write number sentences - "When we add, we add the parts to make the whole", "When we subtract, we take a part away from the whole". **Word of the week - 'inverse'.**

Thank you to everyone who supported their children's learning by completing their homework tasks. I particularly enjoyed reading older relatives memories of Christmas. New homework has been sent in bookbags this week.

We have observed that a number of our children still take a very long time to change for PE. Many of them are struggling with jumpers, buttons, tights and clothing that has been taken off inside out. It would be really helpful if you could practice turning clothes the right way out and maybe send your child in 'easier' clothes on Mondays and Thursdays - one of the girls said yesterday "I'm glad I'm wearing trousers today!"

Also, could you please be aware that support staff don't officially start work until 8.30am, so the 10 minutes before school starts is a very precious discussion time for us. Please could you think twice before knocking on the classroom door before school - many messages can be shared as the children are walking in. As you know my door is always open after school and I am happy to talk to you on the phone after 3.30.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Rugg, Mrs Young & Mrs Hanrahan

