

Reception – Apple Class; Learning Bulletin 23rd January 2026

Apple class have had a busy week. They are enjoying learning about Polar animals and about the animals that are linked to the show and tell books. The children have followed instructions carefully and used painting and printing techniques to create some wonderful polar bear pictures!

Thank you for joining us on Thursday, it was lovely to see lots of parents joining in with physical skill development activities at school with their children.

Please make sure that water bottles are named and refilled, at least half full, daily and just a reminder not to carry water bottles in book bags please, as sometimes the water leaks on to the books and reading record books which damages them.

Apple class have enjoyed practising their pencil control and scissor skills, linked to an igloo theme this week. In Penpals the children have continued to learn about the long legged giraffe letters. The children particularly enjoy joining in with a variety of action dances throughout the week and will sometimes choose to take a movement break during the day.

Our Zen den continues to be a popular place for children to choose to go to if they feel like they require some quiet, calm time.

Mathematical learning this week has introduced the children to the concepts; capacity and weight.

During this week's Jolly Phonics the children have focused on reading and spelling 'ck' in words and enjoyed revisiting the story 'Stickman' and Mrs Allen's story telling linked to the phonics of the week; inspiring the children to spell and write the word 'Stickman'. They have been introduced to reading and spelling the 'tricky words' 'here', 'there' and 'said'. The children are becoming authors and illustrators, creating their own little books, which they will be adding to each week. They have made an impressive start.

The children are always enthusiastic to learn exciting vocabulary and add new words to the vocabulary list in the classroom. This week they even created a 'golden sentence' with a new word; 'I am **delighted** to be at school'. The new vocabulary that they have been introduced to this half term will be sent home at the end of the half term for your information.

This week in PSED the children practised their Calm Time breathing skills and identified a 'goal' that they wanted to achieve this year. Ideas included moving up a swimming level, to be a super singer, an author and to listen well to parents.

It has been a rather wet and grey week, but Apple class have remained enthusiastic to learn and explore. They are inquisitive and have enjoyed playing together and sharing their ideas and creativity. They are a delight to teach!

Here are some home learning ideas;

- Read and spell 'said' 'here' and 'there' – please see your child's phonics wallet
- Explore weighing and capacity in the home, in the kitchen, or at bath time, filling and emptying containers and making comparisons
- Remember to recap all of the children's tricky words – play hide and seek around the room with their words
- Participate in an activity that involves using 'gross' motor skills, indoors or outdoors
- Enjoy sharing your child's reading book together!
- Listen to/share favourite story or non-fiction books
- Send in a photograph of an example of your child's home learning