

Reception – Apple Class; Learning Bulletin 30th January 2026

Apple class have enjoyed learning about penguins this week. The children were shown how to create a craft penguin, which they could choose to make during their play and learn time.

Apple class are making super writing progress and have been practising 'long legged giraffe' letters in Penpals lessons. The children also enjoy joining in with a variety of action dances throughout the week and will sometimes choose to take a movement break during the day.

During this week's Jolly Phonics lessons the children have focused on reading and spelling 'ck' in words and the 'tricky word' taught was 'they'. The children are enjoying becoming authors and illustrators, adding another page to their own little books. They have shown much enthusiasm and are proud of the great start that they have made.

The numbers and numerals 6,7 and 8 and shapes hexagon and octagon have been introduced this week in mathematics.

Apple class are enjoying listening to a variety of poetry! Take a look at our poem of the week, <https://poets.org/poem/zoo>

This week in PSED the children practised their Calm Time breathing skills and started to think about ways to overcome an 'obstacle' in view of reaching their goal. We all loved the story; 'The Smart Cookie' by Jory John and Pete Oswald <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEN0Wdt70DQ>

Well done Apple class – you are all 'Smart Cookies!'

Thank you for making sure that water bottles are named and refilled, at least half full, daily and not transporting water bottles in book bags – this is very helpful! Please could we remind you to name all items of clothing, and encourage your child to fasten their coat and put on their gloves independently.

Here are some home learning ideas;

- Read and spell 'they'. Recap reading and spelling the previous list of tricky words that are written on the blue book mark. Practise writing 'long legged giraffe' letters – please see your child's phonics/home learning wallet for this information
- Go for a walk together, name, describe and compare the shapes and sizes that they see
- Enjoy sharing your child's reading book together!
- Enjoy a variety of children's poetry
- Make playdough together – practise vocabulary linked to measurement and capacity (Please see play dough recipe attached)
- Please take a look at the link for some useful maths learning tips <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>