

Reception – Apple Class; Learning Bulletin 6th February 2026

Despite the rain, it has been a lovely week at school. The children have impressed us by their commitment to reading their reading books this half term and they are making super progress with their handwriting. Well done everyone and thank you for supporting your child at home. Listening to your child read regularly at home significantly helps them to make progress and also demonstrates to them that you share the value of reading.

Your child has been given a 'whiteboard' as we have bought some brand new whiteboards for the classroom. We haven't provided a whiteboard pen, so politely ask if parents could please provide one, and a simple dry cloth or tissue can wipe the board clean. We are excited that your child can practise their writing and drawing at home, linking it to the ideas that they are introduced to at school.

During this week's Jolly Phonics lessons the children have focused on reading and spelling words that have the 'magic e' in them. The 'magic e' changes the sound that the vowel makes, to a long sound, the letter name; a, e, i, o, u, i.e. cake, Pete, ice, cube, note. This week's 'tricky words' are; 'so', 'go' and 'no'. The children are feeling so proud that they are beginning to recognise and read 'tricky words'. Their next challenge is to spell the tricky words too!

The numbers and numerals 6, 7 and 8, have been revisited and odd and even numbers and doubles, have been explored.

Take a look at our poem of the week, Tiger by Mary Ann Hoberman. The children loved it! Please see the attachment

Apple class listened to the amazing 'Carnival of the Animals' by Saint Seans – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmoZNL-LBKA> take a look on-line and listen and move to it and discuss it together! They also listened to and danced along to 'I Wanna Be Like You' Jungle Book. The children have also been learning to sing; 'It Must Be Love' by Labi Siffre. Next week the children will learn to sing 'You are my Sunshine' which was recorded; February 5th 1940 in New York!

This week in PSED the children practised their Calm Time breathing skills and talked about more about their goals.

Next week, we will continue to think about animals - caring for animals and how to look after their habitats. We will be thinking about Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's day and many more fun learning activities...The vocabulary of the half term will also be shared with families for your information.

AFTER HALF TERM – CHANGE TO P.E. DAY

After half term P.E. lessons will be on a Friday. Please could your child wear their P.E kit to school on Fridays instead of on a Tuesday.

Happy Half Term Home Learning

- Keep; dancing, singing, speaking, listening, identifying shapes, counting, smiling, laughing, reading, writing, drawing, playing, exploring, creating, helping, getting fresh air and exercise, being kind