

Reception – Apple Class; Learning Bulletin 20th March 2026

It has been a lovely week – busy, with a visit from another fire fighter, starting to think about Easter and we also talked about how some grown-ups choose to get married.

During this week's Jolly Phonics lessons the children have focused on reading and spelling words which have alternative ways of making the same sound; 'oa' boat 'o-e' bone and 'ow' bow. They also looked at 'igh' as in lightning – Your child might remember that 'igh' is a trigraph (3 letters that make 1 sound). The 'tricky words' were 'Little' and 'down'. We are continuing to practise matching lower and upper case letters. Next week, we will be looking at words with 'ir' or 'ur' and the tricky words; 'what', 'when', 'why'.

Our poem of the week; After a Bath by Clive Aileen Fisher.



Apple class enjoyed visiting our school librarian, Mrs Hilson, this week. They listened to a story about helpful animals.

In mathematics, the children have been thinking about different ways to make a total with numbers to 10 and revisited subitising – 'Don't count – say the amount'. They have also explored the concept of height.

During our Personal, Social, Emotional – Jigsaw time, we discussed the importance of keeping clean, to help to keep our bodies healthy.

Apple class absolutely love our latest on-line discovery; MOOSECLUMPS., So, here are two little treats for your child... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4Vi1JWf3bc> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRk277XQY9Y&list=RDJRk277XQY9Y&start_radio=1

We do find them VERY entertaining!

The Calm cove is looking beautiful! The children have made some pretty blossom pictures. The children have asked if we can write a Spring poem together, so we will write a poem together, next week! Next week, we also plan to go on a Spring 'detective' walk, round our lovely school grounds. Apple class will also be diving into many more exciting learning opportunities. The children only have 2 LEO rewards to achieve, so next week may even include a special treat!

We are starting to collect library books before the Easter holidays. Library will resume when the children return to school, at the beginning of the Summer term.

I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of Apple class' fantastic creativity and enthusiasm towards learning. The children enjoy sharing so many of their great ideas. Apple class feels like such an exciting place to learn and grow together.

Home Learning Suggestions:

- Be a 2D and 3D shape detective
- Enjoy nature and observe the Spring changes
- Practice reading and writing tricky words
- Share lots of favourite books/stories
- Share your child's school reading book, a re-read to develop fluency