

# Apples Newsletter Spring 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year and many thanks for the gifts and good wishes from you and the children.

We begin the Term finding out about how and why many people celebrate Chinese New Year turning our role play area into a restaurant. This is followed by Fair Trade Fortnight, World Book Day, Mothers' Day, Sport Relief and ends with us preparing for Easter. Through our topic 'It's Good To Be Me' the children will question what makes us all special and find out more about the five senses and how they are used to explore our world. The priority will be about making learning fun and relevant for the children. We hope to have a visit from Paramedics who will help to reassure the children (and their teddies) that they will come to help them if they are very ill. We will also have an opportunity to look around their ambulance.

Number work will consist of counting and recognising numerals to twenty, using comparative language as well as practical introduction to addition and subtraction including money. We shall focus on data collection, counting forwards and backwards from a given number and counting in 10s and 5s.

Phonic sessions will continue daily with intervention groups for children who need more practise to master the skills taught. Emphasis this term will be on writing, both letter formation and sentence structure. Mrs. Nicholl will be taking the class on Thursday afternoons focusing upon creativity through art and design sessions.

Finally, please feel free to call into school if you have any concerns or worries about your child.

Kind regards

J Horton

## Our World

We shall particularly find out about:

- Similarities and differences between ourselves and others
- Our 5 senses and how we use them in our daily activities.
- How to use our eyes, ears, nose, mouth and fingers safely and to understand the challenges facing people who cannot see or hear.
- Similarities and differences regarding how animals see and hear.
- How to stay healthy
- People who help us keep safe and healthy
- How plants grow and change

## Jigsaw

Our circle time sessions will be linked to perseverance, to achieve a goal, and keeping safe and healthy.

## PE

UK Sports will be taking the class for games sessions every Thursday during the first half of this Term .

## Terrific Tuesday

Thanks to the support of parents we shall be able to continue our outdoor activities on Tuesday afternoons and hope to include visits to Gamesley Wood. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

## Library

We visit the library every Wednesday. Children may change their book each week. Books need to be returned by Tuesday.

## Assemblies

Children awarded trophies or certificates etc. can share their achievements during Good Work Assembly each Friday.

## Show and Tell

Each child will be encouraged to show and/or talk about an interest or experience. Make sure you know which day is your turn.

Tuesday     circles

Wednesday squares

Thursday triangles

Friday rectangles

Group Reading

Each week children will read in a group where the emphasis will be upon developing their reading comprehension e.g. re-telling the story, answering questions and sharing their opinions about the characters.