



Apple Class - Autumn Term 2020 (first half)

What a start to the year! Apple Class have been super busy getting to know our routines and our classroom.

Every morning, we all participate in playdough disco and Squiggle While You Wiggle - these activities will make our hands, fingers and arms super-strong ready for writing. We transfer all of our squiggle movements onto paper and we are fabulous at this now.

We have been learning a new letter sound every day and we have just completed Phase 2. We are doing very well with our blending of letter sounds, using our robot arms to help us sound and blend.

In maths, we are learning to recognise numbers to 5 and 10. Using our number line, we count up and down and are starting to use different vocabulary such as more and less. We are becoming more confident when comparing different amounts. Every morning, we vote for the story we would like to hear at the end of the day and we are able to say which tower is taller and which book has most votes. We are beginning to use language such as taller, shorter and longer.

Our theme work has been all about 'Ourselves' - we have drawn pictures of ourselves and painted portraits. Using our senses, we have played a feely bag game, been on a sensory walk and had a taste challenge. We have talked about our families and drawn their pictures. Together, we talked about where we live and the different parts of our houses before going onto build a house using lego, duplo and wooden blocks.

In P4C, we have read 'I am too absolutely small for school' and had a circle time where we talked about what we were worried about when we came to school and the things we were looking forward to.

In our RE, we have been learning that we are all a part of God's family, all unique and special. The children have been talking about special members of their families.

In PE, we have had a fabulous time with Mr Schindler from Kanga, playing lots of different games with Ash Class. It has been great fun!

Of course, a lot of our learning is child-led and we are always busy in and out of the classroom. Over this half-term, we have explored many different activities, grown in confidence and learned lots!

