



## Apple Class - Spring Term 2021 (second half)

Wow! What an unusual half term! As always, Apple class have worked hard both at home and in school and it was lovely to have all our little apples back in class together before Easter.

Each day, we had a phonics session and completed our revisit of Phase 2 and started recapping Phase 3. We have been speed writing the tricky words from Phase 2 and 3. We are reading sentences now in phonics and some of us can read lots of words without sounding out.

In maths, we have been singing our number songs and counting on and back on our number line. We have been learning number bonds to 10 and working on how to record these. We have also been learning about 3D shapes and patterns. Our home learning tasks were amazing!



With a lot of learning being on screen, it was great to have time away from computers. We had whole school days: Inside Out Day was an opportunity to do different activities with our families and focus on mental health. We also had celebrated World Book day where children had the chance to do activities together as a family. One of the tasks was to read somewhere unusual.



Our theme work was 'People Who help us' and 'Spring'. It was great to see the children getting out and about on local walks looking for signs of Spring. On coming back to Apple Class, we joined with Ash class for a virtual farm visit - this was wonderful. We got to see many different animals and ask Farmer Fergus lots of questions.

In Apple Class, we continued to focus on developing our social skills, such as sharing and negotiating. It has been great to all be back together again after such a long time at home. We have enjoyed building with our big wooden blocks and playing outdoors together.

In PE, we have been super-busy with Mr Schindler - we have been playing lots of games and learning basic skills. We have all tried our best and had fun playing different games. We have also been having music lessons with Mrs Turvey and she was very impressed with our listening skills.

For Comic Relief, we all wore something red and helped to raise money for charity. We learnt a little bit about the charities and people that the money helps.

*In our RE lessons, we have been learning about the Easter story. We had an Easter week in school where we made beautiful wooden crosses that were displayed on the railings at the village hall. In Apple Class, we made an Easter garden and enjoyed eating hot cross buns. We made Easter cards for our families and had a fabulous Easter hunt where we found Easter treats. Yum!*



*For the Summer term, we are looking forward to some sunny weather and lots of fun times together in Apple Class.*

*Mrs Spensley*