

A very warm welcome to Apple Tree Class of 2021-2022! We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children again and getting to know our new children. The first topic of the year is...

Nursery Rhymes

This is a wonderful topic full of singing, musical instruments, dancing, rhyming and crafting! In this first term we spend lots of time with the children finding out what they know and what their next steps are and in addition to this we complete the Reception Baseline Assessment with the Reception aged children.

Milestone

Each topic includes a "milestone moment" that we work towards with the children. This topic the milestone moment is...

To be able to perform a song, either solo or in a group.

Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding
2. Speaking

This term we will be spending time in our Key Groups, listening to each other. We will be singing each day, paying attention to the new words and rhymes we come across.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

3. Self-regulation
4. Managing self
5. Building relationships

This term we will create our Class Agreements together, agreeing how we want to be treated in Apple Tree Class. We will encourage children to refer back to these. We encourage children to become more independent, for example putting on their own coat and shoes - something we would appreciate you helping your child to practise at home!

Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills
7. Fine motor skills

We will be practising holding pens and pencils in the correct tripod grip as we draw and mark make. We will be practising writing the letters in our names.

In addition to lots of physical play outside we also have PE each Monday afternoon.

Literacy

8. Comprehension
9. Word reading
10. Writing

We will be focussing on hearing rhyming and alliteration in words. Reception children will be having reading activities send home each week.

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

This term we begin by comparing amounts, size, capacity and exploring patterns.

Understanding the World

13. Past and Present
14. People, Culture and Communities
15. The Natural World

We will be learning a couple of new rhymes from other cultures. We will be exploring words from the past in some traditional rhymes (e.g. Jack and Jill).

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

This topic is bursting with opportunities for singing, dancing, musical instruments, arts and crafts!

We will be going to Forest School each Tuesday morning.

Key Vocabulary

Song, traditional, rhymes, rhyming, loud, quiet, fast, slow, tempo, pitch, sing, music, instrument, shake, bang, tap, blow, band, dance, audience, perform.

Memos

- Tuesday 7th September at 3-3.30pm we will be holding a curriculum meeting for parents of Reception aged children. We will be talking about their reading and maths journey and would encourage all Reception parents to attend if they are able to. We will be meeting in the classroom and children can be supervised outside by our wonderful Teaching Assistants.
- Named water bottles and book bags to come into school every day please!
- Monday afternoon is PE so children can come to school in their PE Kits for the day (black/dark blue joggers as the weather becomes cooler). Please can you ensure that your child can put their shoes and socks on by themselves (laces are not recommended for this age!)
- Tuesday morning is Forest School so children can come in their school uniform with their waterproofs over the top. Wellies are essential!