

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Apple Class

Welcome to the start of a new school year! We are excited to partner with you in supporting your child's growth, learning, and success. Each new year brings fresh opportunities, new challenges, and the chance to build lasting memories, and we look forward to working together to make this a positive and rewarding experience for everyone.

This term, we are focusing on being eco-citizens (using natural resources), learning about animals and humans, investigating typography and sketching, and exploring Samba music. Children have already helped to write their new class charters which they have agreed to follow within their classrooms.

Here are a few important reminders to begin the year smoothly:

PE & Swimming

In P.E this term we will be having a coached PE lesson focusing on invasion and target games. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit to school, including trousers, leggings or joggers as well as a school jumper, as these will be essential for outdoor PE lessons, as we head into the colder months.

Year 4	Wednesday afternoon
Year 5	Thursday afternoon
Year 6	Thursday afternoon

Apple Class will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon after Christmas in January. A letter will be sent closer to the time about this. A quick reminder – please can this be a 'NO TIGHTS TUESDAY' when we are swimming.

Outdoor Lessons

We will be going down to forest school every other Monday. 8th Sept, 22nd Sept, 6th Oct, 20th Oct.

For Outdoor lessons, the children will need to come to school in their outdoor clothes, carrying with them their school uniform to change into after our sessions. They will also need a pair of old trainers or a pair of wellie boots, regardless of whether it has rained. Outdoor clothes need to be 'old' clothes suitable for climbing trees and playing in the undergrowth: long sleeves and trousers are compulsory. An old waterproof coat is also needed as we go into winter; we will go out whatever the weather.

If your child has PE or an after-school sport club, on the same day as their Outdoor lesson then they can bring their PE kit into school instead of uniform to change into.

Homework

Reading: the children have the KS2 reading for pleasure logbooks to record their reading. As part of homework we expect the children to read at least three times for 10-15 minutes a week and to complete at least one task a week.

Times Tables for Y3 and Y4: please help your children with learning and practising for their daily Times Tables Challenge. There are lots of ways you can help your children with practising their times tables, including counting in multiples as they climb the stairs, practising their recall of number patterns and facts in the car, using games/apps on the internet or on tablets, for example Mathsframe, Doodle Learning, Hit the Button and Emile. Any log-ins required will be stuck in the front of home learning books.

English & Maths: Each week the children will have a task related to their in-class work (this could be a SPaG, Reading Comprehension, Writing or Topic related task) and a maths task recalling their arithmetic skills or practising specific skills learnt in class.

Homework will normally be sent out on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. For completing and handing this work in on time the children will have the opportunity to earn House Points as part of our whole school reward system.

Project homework: We will be challenging all our Key Stage 2 children to complete a more in-depth homework task each term. Each project will be linked to our theme for the term. More details to follow at a later date.

If you have any questions or queries, please do come and speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cottle
Apple Class Teacher