



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School Apple Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

2nd November 2021

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I cannot believe we have reached the 'Christmas' term already! This term the children will take part in our curriculum topic learning as well as many festive activities. They will enjoy Christmas parties, Christmas craft sessions, a trip to the pantomime, performing in a school nativity, singing Christmas carols plus much more!

Topic learning

This term, our topic is 'How have toys changed over time?'. Please see the following page for this term's curriculum information.

Grandparent Visit

This term we are learning about toys. We will be comparing toys from today, to toys long ago. We are looking for some grandparents who would be willing to come into school to talk to Apple Class about toys long ago. This could be to come and talk to the children about what they used to play with and how they differ to the toys that their grandchildren play with or maybe even bring in some examples of toys from long ago, which would be amazing! Please let me know if you know a grandparent who could come into school to support us with our topic. We will provide hand sanitiser, masks and will also ensure the children are sat at least 2 metres from any grandparents who come into school. Please let me know via Tapestry if you could help us with this.

Star Readers

Apple Class did amazingly well with their home reading last term and the data for term 1 has been collected. As you know, we currently expect the children in Apple Class to read every night. There are **10** children who read every day last term which is amazing. The children are so committed to reading their Phonics books and practising sound reading and spelling and we are so proud of all of them. The following children have won a prize for being star readers for last term! Congratulations to:

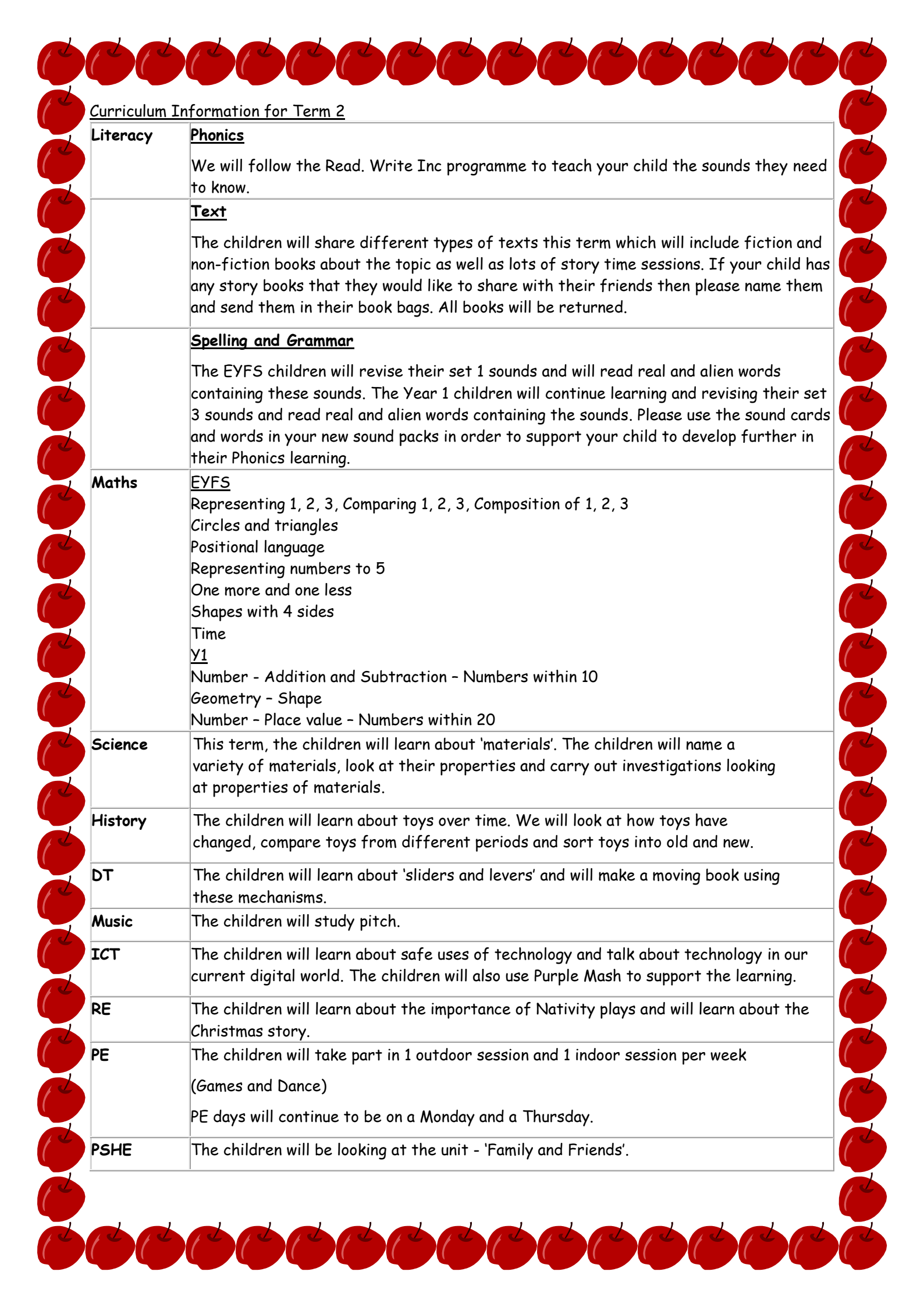
Clara, Florrie, Harvey, Jack, Tommy, Caitlin, Esme, Megan, Peter, Rhys 😊

Please continue to contact us via Tapestry or speak to an Apple Class staff member at the gate if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Cannon

Apple Class Teacher/Key Stage 1 Leader



Curriculum Information for Term 2

Literacy	<u>Phonics</u> We will follow the Read. Write Inc programme to teach your child the sounds they need to know.
	<u>Text</u> The children will share different types of texts this term which will include fiction and non-fiction books about the topic as well as lots of story time sessions. If your child has any story books that they would like to share with their friends then please name them and send them in their book bags. All books will be returned.
	<u>Spelling and Grammar</u> The EYFS children will revise their set 1 sounds and will read real and alien words containing these sounds. The Year 1 children will continue learning and revising their set 3 sounds and read real and alien words containing the sounds. Please use the sound cards and words in your new sound packs in order to support your child to develop further in their Phonics learning.
Maths	<u>EYFS</u> Representing 1, 2, 3, Comparing 1, 2, 3, Composition of 1, 2, 3 Circles and triangles Positional language Representing numbers to 5 One more and one less Shapes with 4 sides Time <u>Y1</u> Number - Addition and Subtraction - Numbers within 10 Geometry - Shape Number - Place value - Numbers within 20
Science	This term, the children will learn about 'materials'. The children will name a variety of materials, look at their properties and carry out investigations looking at properties of materials.
History	The children will learn about toys over time. We will look at how toys have changed, compare toys from different periods and sort toys into old and new.
DT	The children will learn about 'sliders and levers' and will make a moving book using these mechanisms.
Music	The children will study pitch.
ICT	The children will learn about safe uses of technology and talk about technology in our current digital world. The children will also use Purple Mash to support the learning.
RE	The children will learn about the importance of Nativity plays and will learn about the Christmas story.
PE	The children will take part in 1 outdoor session and 1 indoor session per week (Games and Dance) PE days will continue to be on a Monday and a Thursday.
PSHE	The children will be looking at the unit - 'Family and Friends'.