



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School **Apple Class Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

4th January 2022

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a well-deserved rest! Last term, the children thoroughly enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities in class. The children followed the adventures of our elves (Elf, Elfie and Elfred), took part in Christmas themed learning and completed various Christmas craft activities. Thank you to the parents who purchased the Christmas tree decoration that your child made. I bet your child loved seeing their Christmas pictures on the trees at home. Thank you to the parents who also took the time to attend the carol concert. The children thoroughly enjoyed a magical evening of music and singing. Towards the end of term, the children enjoyed the pantomime trip, the whole school Christmas dinner and had great fun at the end of year Christmas party!

Topic learning

This term, our topic is 'Who was the first person to Fly?'. Please see the following page for this term's curriculum information.

Star Readers

Apple Class did well with their home reading last term and the data for term 2 has been collected. As you know, we currently expect the children in Apple Class to read every night. There are 6 children who read every day last term. This is a drop from the previous term, although I appreciate Christmas is a very busy time for families. Hopefully we will see more children on next term's list. The following children have won a prize for being star readers for last term! Congratulations to:

Clara, Florrie, Tommy, Xander, Caitlin, Rhys

Lost Clothing

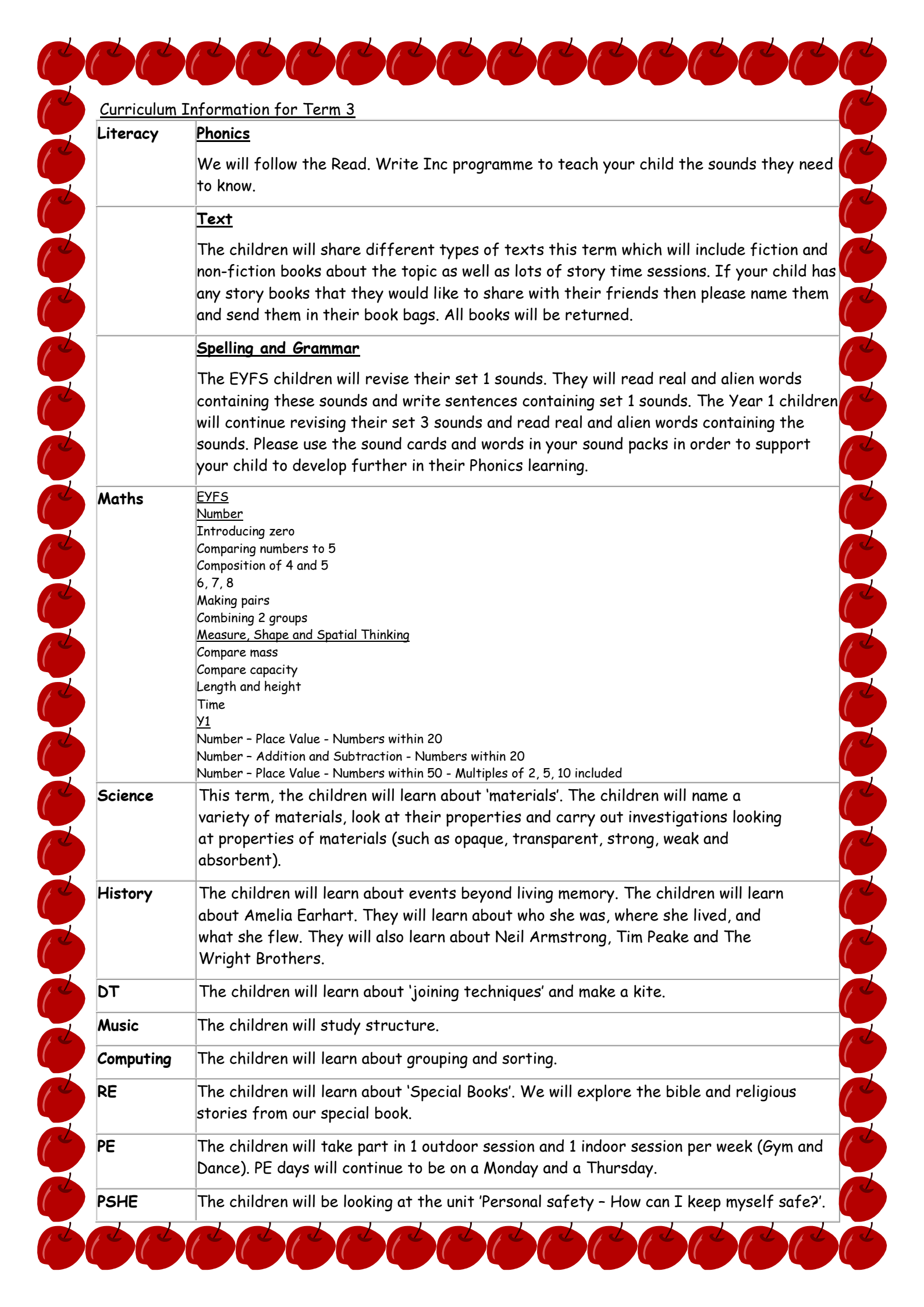
Recently, we have had several parents concerned that their child has gone home with some of their uniform missing. As you know, there are many children in Apple Class and part of developing their independence is to understand how to look after their own belongings and keep them safe. Sometimes children are deeply engrossed in what they are doing, they remove their cardigans and jumpers and leave them wherever they are playing. This can result in some items getting lost. We encourage children to place belongings on their peg but as you can appreciate, with a class full of children, this can be quite tricky at times. Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named and if your child takes home clothing that is not theirs, please can you return it to school, so we can hand it back to the correct child. We still have some missing items from last term that have not been returned to school. Please can you spend a few minutes checking your items and if you manage to find any that do not belong to your child, we would appreciate it if they could be sent back in so we can return them to the correct owner.

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 3

Literacy	Phonics We will follow the Read. Write Inc programme to teach your child the sounds they need to know.
	Text 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.
	Spelling and Grammar The EYFS children will revise their set 1 sounds. They will read real and alien words containing these sounds and write sentences containing set 1 sounds. The Year 1 children will continue revising their set 3 sounds and read real and alien words containing the sounds. Please use the sound cards and words in your sound packs in order to support your child to develop further in their Phonics learning.
Maths	EYFS Number Introducing zero Comparing numbers to 5 Composition of 4 and 5 6, 7, 8 Making pairs Combining 2 groups Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking Compare mass Compare capacity Length and height Time Y1 Number - Place Value - Numbers within 20 Number - Addition and Subtraction - Numbers within 20 Number - Place Value - Numbers within 50 - Multiples of 2, 5, 10 included
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 (such as opaque, transparent, strong, weak and absorbent).
History	The children will learn about events beyond living memory. The children will learn about Amelia Earhart. They will learn about who she was, where she lived, and what she flew. They will also learn about Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and The Wright Brothers.
DT	The children will learn about 'joining techniques' and make a kite.
Music	The children will study structure.
Computing	The children will learn about grouping and sorting.
RE	The children will learn about 'Special Books'. We will explore the bible and religious stories from our special book.
PE	The children will take part in 1 outdoor session and 1 indoor session per week (Gym and Dance). PE days will continue to be on a Monday and a Thursday.
PSHE	The children will be looking at the unit 'Personal safety - How can I keep myself safe?'