



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

21st February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a wonderful half term break.

Topic learning

This term, our topic is 'What can we learn from women in the past?'. Please see the following page for this term's curriculum information. We will be focussing on nurses from the past eg Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. Apple Class are on the lookout for a nurse to come into class and share information about their role, in order to support this term's learning about 'women from the past'. If anyone knows a nurse who would be willing to come into class to talk to us, please let me know.

Star Readers

Apple Class did well with their home reading last term and the data for term 3 has been collected. As you know, we currently expect the children in Apple Class to read every night. There are 8 children who read every day last term. The following children have won a prize for being star readers for last term! Congratulations to:

Clara, Tommy, Xander, Caitlin, Daisy, Megan, Peter, Rhys

Reading

As stated in Miss Ingle's reading letter at the end of term 3 - we will be starting a new reading initiative this term. It is a school expectation that all children in Apple Class read at least five times a week. We will continue to monitor this in class, in order to enable us to offer even more individualised and focused reading support to children identified as non-fluent readers throughout the school. If a child has not managed to read the expected amount, an email will be sent home to parents to encourage them to help their child to achieve it the following week. Should a child not achieve the reading expectation for a second week, a formal letter will be sent home to parents which will detail the importance of reading and strategies to encourage reading at home. In the event that a child does not complete their reading at home for three weeks, parents will be invited in for a meeting to discuss why reading is not taking place at home and we will look at how we can support them to achieve it in the future. Please see the original letter for information regarding the reading initiatives we will also be running in school.

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 4

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 and set 2 sounds. They will read real and alien words containing these sounds and write sentences containing set 1 and set 2 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	<u>Y1</u> <u>Number - Place Value</u> - Numbers within 50 (Multiples of 2, 5, 10 included) <u>Y1</u> <u>Measurement</u> - Length and Height, Weight and volume <u>EYFS</u> - Unit: Growing 6, 7, 8 <u>Number</u> - 6, 7, 8, Making pairs, Combining 2 groups <u>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</u> - Length and height, Time <u>EYFS</u> - Unit: Building 9 and 10 <u>Number</u> - 9 and 10, Comparing numbers to 10, Bonds to 10 <u>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</u> - 3d shape, Pattern
Science	This term, the children will learn about 'plants'. The children will learn about the difference between a seed and a bulb. They will identify and label parts of a flower and parts of a tree. They will also name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also look for plants and trees in the local environment.
History	The children will learn about significant individuals. The children will learn about famous women from the past. We will research into Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell and look at the effect they have on us today.
Art	The children will learn about 'printing'.
Music	The children will study 'graphic scores and texture'.
Computing	The children will learn about 'pictograms'.
RE	The children will learn about 'Islam'. We will look at the religion of Islam and learn about Muslim life, Allah and the Qur'an.
PE	The children will take part in 1 outdoor session and 1 indoor session per week (Gym and Games). PE days will continue to be on a Monday and a Thursday.
PSHE	The children will be looking at the unit 'Managing Change'.