

What happens at night?
The Skies Above my Eyes!
Apple Class - Autumn Term 2023



Dear Families,

We hope that you have all had a restful summer break. We would like to welcome both new and current parents! We are so proud of all of the children for settling in so well this term.

Here is an outline of our learning for the Autumn Term. Our learning will be linked to the question 'What happens at night?' and we will be learning about nocturnal animals such as owls as well as other aspects of night time.

The learning for Year One children will be linked to the National Curriculum and for Reception, it will be linked to the seven areas of the Early Years Curriculum. However, although the Reception children will join in with some of the topic learning, they will spend the majority of their time pursuing their own interests whilst learning through play. Reception will have Phonics, Maths, English, PSHE and PE lessons once we have completed all of our baseline assessments.

Monday and Friday- we will be changing reading books on these days so please ensure books are in book bags. We will give out reading books to Reception around half term, once we have covered the first set of sounds in Phonics.

Friday- we will be issuing new Apple Class library books so please return them if you would like a new one. The box will be in our outside area so that you can choose one with your child.

Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times. Our PE days will be **Monday** and **Wednesday** but there are occasions where we may need to swap our days around. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name as this will help us to get the children changed more quickly and allow us to return any lost clothing!

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or message us on Seesaw if you have any concerns or questions. We are always happy to help!

Kind Regards, Mrs Champion, Mrs Burton, Mrs Glassford and Mrs Urganci

PSHE and RSE

Settling in-classroom routines and getting to know each other
Families and People who care for me
Caring Friendships
Respectful Relationships
Being Safe (including road safety and E-Safety)

Useful websites/apps:

- White Rose 1 Minute Maths app (Reception and Year 1)
- Hit the Button app (number facts for Year 1)
- iLearn2 website for Computing skills- codes to log into the activities will be shared on Seesaw
- Dance Mat typing- typing skills for Year 1
- Busy Things website for Reception- password and login details will be shared via Seesaw

English

Class texts for Reception and Year 1:
-stories and non fiction linked to owls and night time and fairy tales

Writing to Entertain:

- Retelling stories
- Character descriptions

Writing to Inform:

- Information pages about owls (Year 1)

Reception-
Name writing
Labels and lists
Rhyming words

Maths

Reception:
Numbers 1-10 (counting, ordering and recognising)
Patterns and shape
Counting accurately

Year 1:
Place Value to 10
Money
Addition and Subtraction to 10
Shape (2D and 3D)

Science

Animals including humans
Seasonal change

PE

Dance
Gymnastics

Music

Music Express

History

Significant People:
-Katherine Johnson
-Mae Jemison

Bonfire Night
Remembrance Day

Art

Creating tiles using clay
Colour mixing

DT

Design and make a puppet (linked to fairy tales)

Geography

Map work linked to The Jolly Postman and fairy tales

Observe and describe daily weather patterns.

Computing

E-Safety for Reception and Year 1

Year 1:

Mouse and keyboard skills

RE

Creation story- Does God want Christians to look after the world?

Christmas- What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?

