

APPLE TREE CLASS NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1

2021



Welcome to Lostwithiel School and Apple Tree Class. We are so pleased to be welcoming you into our school family and we are absolutely delighted with how the children have settled in so far. Each class sends home a half termly newsletter to give parents an idea about what we are learning and information about any dates to remember. We hope you find it helpful and don't forget you can always message any questions to me via class dojo.

Our topic of this half term is 'Me and my Town'. We will be getting to know each other and learning about our school and town. As part of this topic we will introduce our first five favourite story books and enjoy 'The Magic Finger' as our class reader. We will focus on working and playing cooperatively and developing our confidence to try new things. We will explore balance and coordination in PE and look creatively at colour, design, texture, form and function in our artwork. In maths we will be matching, sorting and comparing amounts. We will also learn about comparing size, mass and capacity along with exploring patterns. We will talk about our lives and the people around us and think about our environment and where we live.

I will record your child's learning on an online journal. The system we use is called 'Tapestry'. I have already sent out a link for you to activate your child's page. If you haven't yet activated it then please do so.

We have already started learning our Set 1 sounds. We have sent home a green speed sound book for you to keep and to practice sounds at home.

Set 1 sounds are taught in the following order: m a s d t, i n p g o, c k u b, f e l h sh, r j v y w, th z ch qu x ng nk

*Once the children have learnt the first 8 sounds we teach them to blend them. When we say words in pure sounds we call it 'Fred Talk'.
E.g. p-a-n, c-l-a-p.*

We never use letter names at this early stage.

You can help at home by reading together and practicing the set 1 sounds. We will be sending home a separate sheet of the sound we have been learning each day. The children can practice writing the sound at home and then bring the sheet into show.

Dates for this half term...

Wk beginning: 27/9 – Scarecrow making as part of our school Harvest Celebrations.

Our Forest School day is a Friday – Please make sure your child has welly boots in school.