

Happy New Year

We have absolutely loved welcoming the children back into school and hearing about their Christmas adventures!

Please find attached a learning overview for this term. This term we will be continuing to focus on phonics and applying everything we learnt last term in our reading and writing. We will also be continuing to develop the children's independence and love for learning!

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Apple Class Team

Key texts:

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

We're Going a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Understanding the world

- Ask questions about our world and family
- Make comparisons to now and the past
- Make porridge – observe changes
- Programmable toys / technology in our lives

Learning Overview

Imagine if...

Year: Reception 2026

Term: Spring



Personal, social and emotional development:

- The 3B's
- Sharing & turn taking
- Following instructions
- Managing own feelings
- Being independent – getting dressed, eating and managing hygiene.
- Valuing difference



Physical development

- PE – gymnastics & jumping and landing
- Fine control – tripod pencil grip, letter formation
- OPAL

Communication and language

- Rhyming string
- Circle time
- Playing and interacting with others
- Communicating our needs effectively
- Taking turns
- Answering & asking questions

Expressive arts & design

- Role play – familiar stories
- Exploring artists
- Creating a familiar character
- Painting
- Exploring musical instruments

What can we do at home?

- Read, read, read!
- Revise any letter sounds (GPCs) your children are finding difficult
- Practice writing their name – ensuring correct letter formation
- Play games – taking turns & allowing others to win!
- Being independent – getting dressed, use a knife and fork, etc.

Literacy

- Daily phonics – applying known GPCs (sounds)
- Retell/sequence familiar stories
- Letter formation
- Pencil grip and control
- Name writing
- Sentence writing

Mathematics

- 1 more/les
- Addition
- Heavier & lighter
- Full & empty
- Composition of number
- Halving & doubling