Welcome Back to Apple Class!



Autumn 1
2026

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely summer break. We would like to welcome Andrea to our class team! Our topic this term is 'Fantastic Festivals!'. We will be getting outside to explore Autumn and Harvest, having fun exploring colours, sounds and textures through different festivals such as Halloween, Diwali, Remembrance and fireworks night. We are planning more Bikeability and another trip to Eden on Ice! We hope you can join us!

Let's learn about... The Curiosity Programme!

You may have seen in your young person's school timetable that we include 'Curiosity' as part of a post lunch afternoon session. The curiosity programme is a strategy used to help teach individuals to develop the skill of curiosity, form positive relationships with others, and learn to engage with a wider range of stimuli. The principles of intensive interaction are an important key, and as such, the interaction tends to be non-verbal. The short bursts of curiosity sessions are designed to work alongside our learners engagement profiles to develop their skills of realisation, exploration, anticipation, persistence and initiation.

The programme works by exploring stimuli the learner enjoys or is interested in, teachers work alongside the learner and engages with their interests. The stimuli is hidden within a box or container in order to force the learner to think and engage more deeply. The principle of the object being in a container (the curiosity box) is to support in the development of object permanence understanding and curiosity skills. The interaction lasts no more than 5-6 minutes, forcing the learner to pick up their processing time and attention skills each time the interaction takes place.

By working on this skill each day, we are able to cue in to our learner's engagement skills, communication skills and personal learning goals.



Half Term Break: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Apple Class Team



Class Fund

Thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half termly class fund, this supports us in our Cooking/ Design and Technology and Sensory Exploration lessons. If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay.

Swimming

Please ensure that your child has a swim kit in school on their swimming day or a spare kit that can be kept at school. Our swim day is Tuesday.

Outdoor Learning

We enjoy spending time learning outside. Please ensure that your child is ready for all weathers!

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

At the start of each term you will receive your child's updated PLGs. Please check these and return a signed copy to their class teacher. This may be completed during EHCP Reviews or Parent Partnership Conversations.

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