

Welcome to Apple Tree Class



September and October 2021

I hope that you have had a lovely break and are ready for the year ahead. We are really looking forward to seeing you and welcoming your child into Year 1.

Our learning in September and October:

Our topic this half term is Dinosaurs, where we will answer questions such as; were they real? How do we know dinosaurs existed? What did dinosaurs eat? Why & how did dinosaurs become extinct? Who was Mary Anning?

English: Our English focus is going to be on sentence structure and reminding ourselves how to form a sentence and the key features of a sentence (capital letter, finger spaces, full stop). We will then go on to story telling and story writing based on the story The Somethingosaur.

Maths: The maths this half term will have a big focus on numbers to 10. We will be starting with looking at these numbers in relation to the number system and then go on to addition and subtraction with these numbers. Children will have the opportunity to solve lots of problems and have chance to give reasons for their answer.

Supporting learning at home:

Maths- Numbots to support mental maths

Reading- read all three reading books and talk about what they have read. To read year 1 common exception words (these can be found in the back of the orange reading diary)

Phonics- red sound book. Phonics play website

I will start to send spellings home, these will be sent on tapestry and children will be tested on them on a Monday. I will also start to send homework home, this again will be sent on tapestry. Homework at this stage is to help support the learning in school. If you have any questions about homework then please send me a message.

Useful information:

PE: Our PE slots this term are on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. PE will be outside so please ensure that children have a warm jacket.

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a suitable warm waterproof coat so we can go outside!

Clothing: Please make sure that **EVERYTHING is named!** If it isn't, we cannot return it. Children will also need a spare set of clothes in a plastic bag which can be kept at school.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything then please feel free to message me on tapestry and I will get back to you ASAP.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Mrs Gregory