

Welcome to Apple Tree Class



November and December 2021

I hope that you have had a relaxing half term and feel refreshed for the forthcoming few weeks.

Our learning in November and December:

Our topic this half term is **Victorian Life**. We will be focusing our learning on answering the following questions: Who was Guy Fawkes? Who was Queen Victoria? What was it like in a Victorian house? What was it like going to school in the Victorian era? How has transport changed? Who was Florence Nightingale? How has Little Eaton changed over time?

English: Our focus text is The Magic Porridge Pot. From this we will be learning how to write instructions as well as focusing on the openings and endings of stories. Our grammar focus will be on adjectives and similes, punctuation remains the same as in previous weeks (capital letters, full stops and finger spaces) and spelling will be supported by the daily input of phonics.

Maths: The maths this half term will have a big focus on Geometry: Shape and Place Value within 20. The children will be exploring different methods and equipment that can be used to support problem solving and reasoning. The children will be asked to prove their answers to show they have a deeper understanding of the problems and challenges set.

Supporting learning at home:

Maths- Numbots to support mental maths

Reading- read both reading books and talk about what has been 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

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