

Welcome to Apples Class



January and February 2022

Happy New Year!

Our learning in January and February:

Our topic this half term is going to be Neil Armstrong and Space Travel. We will find out about the space race and look at animals and humans that have travelled in space, as well as identify the planets within our solar system. If all goes to plan then we are hoping to take the children on a trip to The National Space Centre in Leicester.

Our science focus for this half term will be on materials. By the end of the unit we will be able to distinguish between an object and the material in which it is made from. We will then go on to look at the properties of each material and then decide which material would be best to use for a spacesuit.

Literacy:

Our literacy this half term will be focusing on story writing with our focus story being Cinderella. We will be learning this story orally before changing some of the events to make a new story as a class and individually. We will still have daily phonics sessions to support with sounds for reading and spelling.

Maths:

The maths this half term will have a big focus on place value as well as Addition and subtraction with numbers under 20, and then increasing to numbers under 50. To begin with we will be using different strategies to help with addition and subtraction with numbers to 20 including missing number problems.

Supporting learning at home:

Maths- Numbots to support mental maths

Reading- read all three reading books and talk about what they have read. Please use the red phonics books to support your child's reading and writing development through phonics.

Homework tasks – as shown on the homework sheet given to your child. I will also add it to Tapestry.

Useful information:

PE: Our PE slots this term are on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. We still go outside for these lessons, so please make sure your child is dressed in appropriate clothing.

Toys: Please do not bring toys into school.

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 you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything then please don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Gregory