

Welcome to Apples Class



March and April 2022

Our learning in March and April:

Our topic this half term is going to be Africa. We will identify the 7 continents of the world and then focus in on Africa, and then more specifically Kenya. We will learn about African culture and have a visitor to show us numerous African artefacts and to tell us about her life in Africa.

Our science focus for this half term will be plants. By the end of the unit we will be able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Literacy:

Our literacy this half term will be focusing on story writing. Our core text is Handa's Surprise and we will be learning this story orally before changing some of the fruits and animals to make a new story as a class and then individually. We will still have daily phonics sessions to support with sounds for reading and spelling. We are focusing on the phonics screening check which takes place in the summer term. If you wish to support your child with this, you can use the resource on the remote learning webpage to help them read the given 'alien' words.

Maths:

The maths this half term will have a big focus on place value within 50. We will be using different strategies to help with identifying numbers within 50 and then comparing numbers and then ordering them. After this unit, we look at length & height and then weight & volume.

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. Please hand in the red phonics books on a Monday for the new worksheet to be added.

Homework tasks – as shown on the homework sheet given to your child.

Useful information:

PE: Our PE slots this term are on a **Wednesday only**. 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