



Apple Class
Let's get learning!
Autumn 1

WE WILL, OF COURSE,
ENCOURAGE CHILDREN
TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN
INTERESTS AND
CURRENT
FASCINATIONS.

Children learn as they
play and play is at the
heart of everything
we do in Apple Class.

THEMES THIS HALF TERM

- Marvellous Me,
- On the farm at Harvest time,
- Autumn All Around.

This half term we aim to:

- begin to develop an awareness of ourselves and others,
- know that we are all so unique,
- show consideration for others,
- feel confident when sharing how we are feeling,
- identify members of their own family,
- explore the natural world and the forever changing seasons,
- begin to understand different job occupations within the local community
- know how this directly impacts them (how farmers harvest food for us to eat.)

Feeling Settled and happy by:

- learning our daily rules and routines
- learning the school's 3 Cs (Caring, Curious and Courageous.)
- building new friendships and relationships
- learning each other's names.
- growing in independence through self-registration, putting on aprons, accessing snack and washing hands.

OUR CORE TEXTS

The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright,
Funny Faces by Todd Parr,
All About Feelings by Osbourne,
Goldilocks and the Three Bears by,
Leafman by Lois Ehlert,
The Lost Acorns by Nick Butterworth,
Squirrels Busy Day by Lucy Barnard,
Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell.

We have chosen stories to represent the 3 Cs, which are:
The Smartest Giant in Town, Giraffes Can't Dance and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will also be sharing lots of other stories but these will be the main focus up until October half term.

SKILLS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

The skills we will be focusing on:

- separating happily from family members
- listen and join in with refrains and repeated language in stories
- clap rhythms in words and phrases and listening to the initial sound in words (especially the first initial of our name)
- following instructions
- asking and answer questions
- retelling stories and create our own
- sniping with scissors – using thumb and first two fingers
- holding pens and pencils with thumb and first two fingers to make shapes, lines and to trace letters in our names

It would be great if you could reinforce these skills at home!