

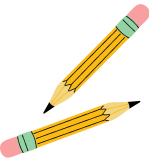
NEWS IN APPLE

CLASS



A note from the Apple team:

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday with your families. We welcome some of you back after the Christmas break and welcome some new families who will be joining us as their child begins their first term in Apple class. You're all very welcome!



Attention

parents/carers:

IMPORTANT

If there are going to be any changes to the usual pick up/drop off routines, or if your child is going to Tic Toc, please let a member of staff know as we cannot allow children to leave without prior consent.

Please let us know if your child won't be attending nursery for example if they are absent due to illness.

If there are any new medical conditions or allergies staff need to be aware of, please communicate these as soon as possible.

Reminders:

Please could we ask that children bring in a named bag with spare clothes, including underwear and socks. This can stay on their peg unless we require it to be restocked, in which case we will send it home with your child.

Children will also need a named water bottle every day. Please remember that water bottles should only contain water and not juice or fizzy pop etc.

Every child **MUST** have a pair of named wellies in school.

Please ensure that your child has a named coat, hat, scarf and preferably a pair of mittens rather than gloves. It is incredibly helpful to us if all clothing, shoes and wellies are named!

We are very lucky to have so many wonderful resources and toys for children to use and play with in Apple class so please keep own toys at home.



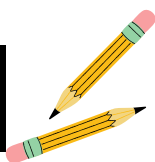
Stay in touch :

Should you need to get in touch, you can contact Mrs Tate on:
rebecca.tate@swansfield.school

Our teacher, Mrs Tate, will be in Apple class every Tuesday- Friday. Miss Jackson will be in Apple class every Monday. Our fabulous Teaching assistants, Miss Hornsby and Jaz, will be in Apple class Monday-Friday.



Home learning links



Linked to our topic of 'Cold' and 'helping animals in the Winter', please bring in a photo of your child feeding the birds in Winter or enjoying being out and about in the Winter weather- past or present so they can talk about it with their friends.

Sharing nursery rhymes with your child is a great way of introducing words that rhyme. Play around with traditional nursery rhymes by stopping before the final word of each line. Can they finish the line with a word that rhymes? Share your child's favourite nursery rhyme with us!

For our children that have been with us since September, we will be spending some time practising writing their name with them, starting this term- it would be very beneficial to have a go at home too 😊 If you need any advice with this, please see a member of staff.

Secret reader:

Here at Swansfield Park, we use secret reader as a way to excite and enthuse children's love of reading. We invite parents/carers/grandparents/aunties/uncles into school to read a story to their child's class.

If you are interested in sharing a story with a class, we would love you to put your name down on the sign up sheet, catch a member of staff or drop us an e-mail and we will get back to you.

We would really encourage you to give this a go as children LOVE to listen to other people read and get so excited to find out who the secret reader is going to be! We have had an amazing uptake of this opportunity last term so thank you so much!



Phonological development- how you can help at home

Take your child on a listening walk around an indoor or outdoor setting. Encourage them to listen attentively and talk to you about the different sounds that they can hear.

Help your child to make a recycled musical instrument by adding rice to a water bottle to make a shaker, or using an empty tissue box and elastic bands to make a guitar. As they play their instrument, encourage them to experiment with ways that they can change the sound it makes, for example by placing it under a blanket.

Help your child to practise copying sounds by playing with rhythms. Clap out a simple rhythm. Can your child copy and clap it back to you? Take it in turns to be the leader, making up rhythms for the other to copy.

We will be encouraging children to hear and say the initial sound in their name progressing on to recognising their written initial sound and then whole name. You can help with this!

Online learning journey

The online journal is one of the ways of recording your child's development and journey through Early Years.

It includes photographs and observations of significant moments during their time with us which link to the Early Years Curriculum that we follow. It would be extremely helpful if you could upload any 'wow' developmental moments at home so that we are able to see learning opportunities in your child's home context as well as at school.

