



Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to our new children and parents.

For the first half term our focus will be on the book *Supertato* and other rhyming books as well as ensuring the children are happy and settled.

We will learn and play outside as often as possible, so please make sure that your child has a named pair of trainers and wellies for playtimes.

For the first half term, P.E. will be on a **Monday** (Reception and Yr1) and **Friday** (Yr1). All children should have their full P.E. kit in school all week. Please ensure that all items are named as they often seem to get muddled up! Long hair should always be tied back, please. **Small, plain stud** earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are removed for PE days, sports days etc.

'Show and Tell' will take place each **Wednesday** afternoon: please send in small and special items only for showing please. Animal groups will take it in turns, starting with **Hedgehogs on 15<sup>th</sup> September**. See additional information for further details and dates for each group.

We are excited to remind you that Apple Class will continue to take part in weekly Forest School sessions in our school grounds: **Year 1** children on a **Thursday** afternoon and **Reception** children on a **Friday** afternoon. See additional information regarding clothing requirements. Please ensure children come to school in their Forest School clothes on their day. We will start these sessions next week.

Your child will bring their book bag home every day- please check it for any letters or comments we have made in their home/school diary. We would like to encourage you to share a book every day with your child-just 5 or 10 minutes a day will be very valuable. There are some helpful hints to support this inside the home/school diary. Each child will also have a phonics pack containing the sounds they are learning and Reception children will also have a Maths pack. Please practise these 'little and often.'

Every **Monday** your child will be given the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. This is intended to be a book for you to **share** with your child and not one they should be expected to read independently. These books may be kept at home and returned each Monday.

We will shortly send you details of our 'meet the teacher' sessions which we will run for each year group separately. These will be an opportunity for you to find out more about life and learning in Apple Class and to ask any questions.

Please feel free to come and see us if you wish to discuss anything: your comments and support are greatly appreciated. After school in our outside area is a good time to do this, particularly on a Wednesday.

We're sure this term will be both an exciting and enjoyable one for all of us.

Best wishes,  
Laura Plackett and Alison Chilton