

# Apple Class News



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have been extremely busy this week and have completed their own journey story. Many have adopted the class character of Leaf Lady but others have let their creativity fly and created Stick Lady, Daisy Lady and so on. The adventures that the characters have been on include the zoo, the park, the ocean and the children have worked hard to incorporate adjectives into their writing to add additional information and dimension. We are really proud of them and every child's story writing is now displayed in the classroom. It would be great if you could ask your children about their writing so they can recount their stories to you.

In Maths the children have started to explore whole and parts of numbers and represented this practically with resources, then by using pictorial representations and then finally as a number. The models they have used are shown below. This helps the children to understand how a whole number can be made up of two or more parts and builds on their understanding of place value. The children have also spotted very quickly if the two parts are added together they total the value of the whole number. We are so proud of our super mathematicians. Keep up the great work apples.

In Science we have moved onto learning about animals and different animal groups. The children have been introduced to the following vocabulary: mammals, fish, bird, reptiles and amphibians. They have started to look at the similarities and differences between animals and used a given criteria to sort and group animals. Over the coming weeks we will learn more about the key features of the animal groups.

In phonics the children are continuing to learn the alternative digraphs throughout phase 5. So far this term the children have learnt the following: ay - pay, ou - south, ie - tie, ea - sea, oy - boy, ir - girl, ue - blue, aw - lawn. The children are encouraged to identify the sound within a word, then blend the sound together to read the whole word. The children, also sound talk a word slowly (d-ow-n) to help them spell and write the word.

## Reminders

- PE days are on Monday and Thursday so these are the days that they will need to come into school in their PE kits.
- Please remember to send your child in with a snack and a water bottle.
- ♦ Books will be sent home every Monday and returned every Friday. This allows the books to be quarantined over the weekend and then redistributed the following week.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday..

Mrs Southon & Mrs Hanrahan

