



# Apollo Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to the new school year and a big welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this year. It has been lovely to see each and every child come in happy and excited and settle into their new class, Apollo, this week! The theme for this Autumn term is 'London' and we have a fun filled curriculum including **Literacy, Maths, Music, RE, PE, Computing, Science, Art and Spanish!** The lessons are structured each day. The children also access **continuous provision** in class where they can complete fun rainbow learning challenges to recap and consolidate their learning more independently, which will earn them a prize from the prize box! If you have any questions or concerns (or anything you want to share e.g. exciting news, achievements!), please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day or send a message on Class Dojo.

**Miss Mault and the Apollo Class Team**

## Phonics and Literacy

This term we will continue working on letter formation and letter sounds using phonics shed. The children will consolidate single letter sounds in Chapter 2 and then move onto chapter 3 to learn digraphs - 2 letters that make one sound. The children will be taught to their ability to help them continue to develop their reading and writing skills. We will continue practicing sounding out words and blending the sounds that we have learnt to read words every day! There are lots of fun games on Phonics Shed for your child to keep practicing and embedding the letter sounds (logins will be sent home), and you could join in too to listen to how we correctly pronounce the sounds!

Children will apply their phonics to word/sentence writing in Literacy. We will have many writing opportunities and enjoy many fiction and non-fiction texts that link to our topic London, beginning with **Paddington Bear**.

Reading books will be sent home that match your child's phonics level.

**Please keep reading with your child at home every day. Reading books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays if they have been read at least 3 times.**



## Mathematics

We will be learning and exploring:

- ◆ Counting in 2s 5s and 10s
- ◆ Place value/Understanding number using equipment to make numbers up to 50/100
- ◆ Number and place value
- ◆ Measuring in CM and M
- ◆ Weighing and recording in kg and g
- ◆ Addition and Subtraction
- ◆ 2D and 3D shapes
- ◆ Multiplication using arrays
- ◆ Statistics/ tally charts
- ◆ Fractions finding halves and quarters
- ◆ Money
- ◆ Time

## Science

Our unit this half term is Animals, including humans 1 - Growth. The children find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and finally will learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. After half term we will explore Living things and their habitats.



**Geography**

We will be learning to

- ◆ Locate London/understanding it's the UK's capital
- ◆ Identify and describe London landmarks
- ◆ Identify landmarks on maps, compass points and directional language
- ◆ Physical and human features of London
- ◆ Identifying sseasonal weather in London
- ◆ Compare London to Leyland &
- ◆ Making Leyland better.

**History**

We will be learning about *The Plague* and using this historic period to look at how people help us. We will also be learning about *The Great Fire of London!*

**Art**

In art the children will be:

- ◆ Using charcoal to develop a range of mark making techniques.
- ◆ exploring and experimenting with mark-making to create textures.
- ◆ developing observational drawing for stories
- ◆ learning how to apply expressions to illustrate a character.
- ◆ Developing their illustrations to tell a story.

Final Product...

The children will create and draw their own storybook using all the above skills.

**RE**

This term we will be exploring Christianity and reflecting on the question: **Does how we treat the world matter?** The children will learn about the story of Creation, ways to care for the planet and Harvest.



**PSHE**

We will be learning about hazards and keeping/staying healthy. We will explore

- ◆ Is it safe to eat or drink?
- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Is it safe to play with?

**Reminders**



**ClassDojo**

- You should now be able to access **class dojo**. This is how we contact parents, send messages and you can keep up to date with events.



- PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday! Please ensure PE kit is worn to school on those days (jumper/cardigan over top)

- Please ensure your child has their reading book, water bottle, wellies/coat and a change of clothes in school every day.