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Welcome to Apple Class. As you are aware by the children's weekly photos, the children in Apple Class have all settled in to their new class and new school well. The children have been exploring their environment, getting to know the routine and getting to know us.

Our environment and activities are based on your child's interests and likes. However they are constantly changing so please keep us up to date on any interests to help us plan activities around your child's interests and needs.

This term will be reading books by Nick Sharratt. We have started with the book, 'Ketchup on your cornflakes'. The children enjoyed the sensory experience of repeating the book with the props. We have been writing patterns in custard and ketchup. Next we will be reading 'Don't put your finger in the jelly, Nelly' to focus on rhyme and then 'Shark in the park'.



In maths, the children will be learning about numbers through songs and rhymes. The children have particularly enjoyed acting out 5 little ducks went swimming one day in the water. Here is the link to the song:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs/A-F/five_little_ducks

We will also be learning about sizes and measuring through cooking.

The children will have regular visits to 'The Nest' our outdoor classroom, creating a natural collage, going on a bug hunt and we will be working towards cutting sticks with support. This week we had a farm visiting 'The Nest' so we could meet the animals.

We really value your comments about your child's development and what they are doing at home. Each week we will send home your child's photos. One copy is for you to keep, the other is for you to comment on and return to school. The comments can be relevant to something that you have seen your child do at home related to our comments, or any other developments/experiences.

How can you help?

- Have a family bug hunt.
- Share their reading book and other texts.
- Enjoy singing nursery rhymes together with or to your child.
- Go on 'sound' walks commenting to your child on what you can hear.

Thank you for your support
Apple Class Team