



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2021

*'Caring Hearts, Aspiring Minds'*

## Apple and Rowan Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our school. We are so proud of our new Reception children for the terrific start they have made and for settling in so beautifully!

We will be spending the first few weeks getting to know each other, the school routine and rules. We have been learning the names of our friends and talking about ourselves and our families.

Our school rules are :

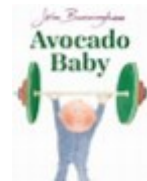
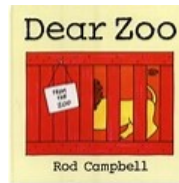
- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Be Ready



This term our learning theme is based around **`All About Me.`**

We will also be linking learning to the texts:

- Giraffes Can't Dance
- Dear Zoo
- Owl Babies
- Avocado Baby
- Room on the Broom



We will be doing lots of funky finger workouts with songs, threading resources, tweezer picking up games, cutting and sticking. This is to help strengthen the muscles in the hand, which is the first stages of writing.

In Math's we will be exploring numbers. With counting forwards and backwards, 1:1 correspondence , and ordering.





## **TAPESTRY-**

A letter has been sent out with all the information about Tapestry. This will be your child's online learning journal. Please fill in your details and return to school so we can get you set up and you can start to see all the wonderful things your child is doing at school.

Once we add your details into the Tapestry system, it will send you an **activation email**. You need to **activate** your account in order to see your child's profile.

If you are already using Tapestry, for example you have children at different settings, You will need separate logins to access each child's learning journal.

Tapestry is also a platform for you to write down observations at home and share them with us through tapestry. For example if your child does some clever counting or you go on a family walk and explore your child's natural environment. Please feel free to share this on Tapestry and we can discuss these wonderful things with your child. This gives us as professionals an all rounded picture of your child and we can form judgements together. You as parents are your child's first teachers so we want to work together with you.

### **Homework**

**Reading**—Your child will bring home a reading book in the next couple of weeks. We will change reading books on a **Thursday**.

### **Home-school Observation—**

Each Friday we will put a brief description of what your child has been learning each week onto Tapestry.

You may add photographs or a description about what your child has been learning at home. We will then look at the home observation, sharing them with the class on a **Wednesday**.

### **P.E Days**

Please send your child in their P.E clothes on their P.E day:

Apples—Monday

Rowans—Thursday

### **Polite reminder!**

- Please remember to wash water bottles every night. Only water in water bottles please, no juice or fizzy drinks.
- Please check/empty book bags.
- Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled and don't forget wellies!
- Healthy snacks only.

If you need to contact your class teacher, you may through the class emails:

[appleclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:appleclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

[rowanclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

(We endeavor to answer emails as soon as possible.)

**Thank you and keep safe. Love Mrs. Gerrard and Mrs. Bruce.**