

## Red Apples Class Parental Information Page



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Red Apples Class. We would like to inform you of some useful information about our class. If you have any further questions please send us a message via Dojos and we will be happy to help.

### Staffing:

The Class Teacher: Mrs Hargrave-Nanton

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Stothard

Teaching Assistant: Miss Teggart

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Paterson

Teaching Assistant: Miss Rudge

Midday Supervisor: Miss Maria

### Reading At Home:

Your child is learning to read at school. We follow the Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme. Initially your child will receive their red reading homework every Friday, however as your child progresses with their reading this day may change but you will be notified of this in advance.

Your child's homework will potentially contain 3 items:

1. A book bag book which is closely matched to the level they are working at in class.
2. A library book.
3. A possible sound/word pack as and when required.

Please ensure your child's reading folder is returned to school every Thursday so staff can change the books ready to be sent out on Friday.

Please note a signature is required before we send out a new book otherwise we will assume that it hasn't been read.

In Reception we would encourage you to read with your child for around 5- 10 minutes each night, even a couple of pages each day will be useful in building your child's confidence and fluency. If your child has a book without words, encourage them to tell the story through looking at the pictures. Please ask your child questions about what they have read as reading for understanding is also important. E.g. 'What did Ben have to buy from the shop?', or, 'What do you think will happen next?'



We also suggest that books are re-read so that your child tackles any unfamiliar words with increased confidence the second time around. Please remind your child to use their pure sounds and encourage them to 'Fred talk' words as and when they are able e.g. s-t-o-p 'stop'.

Please encourage your child to say the sound, not the letter name. This should only take a minute, the children find this enjoyable and you will be able to see if there are any particular letters that they struggle to recognise and may need extra help with.

### Writing Homework:

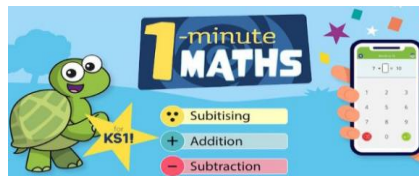
Starting in September your child will have writing homework every night. The writing sheet will consolidate a letter formation of a sound taught in the class that day. Your child will also receive a Read Write Inc. letter formation poster, which details how each sound is formed and the little rhyme the children say when forming the sound. This letter formation poster should be used each time your child completes their homework, again it just consolidates work completed in class. This work is placed in the blue folder, **when your child has completed their work please upload it onto your child's portfolio page on Class Dojo's please keep the original work at home.**

### Lending Library:

Please remember that your child always has the opportunity to change their Lending Library story book each day. Just return your book to swap it for a new one.

### Maths Homework:

In school we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. We would like to recommend downloading the following App as a perfect way to support your child in early maths.



### P.E Days:

Red Apples PE Day is a Wednesday. In Red Apples we ask that every Wednesday the children come to school dressed in their P.E. kit. This means that children can wear trainers/plimsolls to school. P.E top and shorts or navy jogging bottoms and their school cardigan/jumper. Please can all items, particularly jumpers be clearly labelled.

### Safety Notice:

Children with earrings must have them removed on PE days (or covered in medical tape.) Children should only have trainers with laces if they can tie them independently. **We strongly recommend plimsolls or Velcro trainers to prevent trips and falls. Earing studs can be worn on non PE days, but no other jewellery should be worn.**

### Clothing:

**Please ensure your child's cloths are labelled, even when they are wearing their own cloths on a non-uniform day.**



### Water Bottles:

The children are provided with their own water bottle at school and have access to this throughout the day. Thus there is now no need to send your child in with further drinks bottles. Water is also provided at lunch times on the dining tables.

### Morning and afternoon collection routines:

In the morning please can we ask that you wait with your child in the infant playground. We will then come and bring you over to the Red Apples gate, where you can say goodbye to your little one at the gate and then hand them over to the teacher/adult and they can walk into class. If your little one is struggling a teacher/TA will assist them.

At the end of the day if parents wait outside the Red Apples gate and the teacher/TA will hand the children over to parents.

Thank you so much for your support in getting the children "reception ready". I just know the children are going to have a fantastic year of learning.

If you do have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, by Dojo message, or just speak to me at drop off or pick up. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hargrave-Nanton  
(EYFS Lead & Class teacher)

