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# Apple Class Newsletter

## What have we been up to?

**Phonics** learning this week has focused on learning the GPC's *zz* as in the word *buzz*, *qu* as in the word *quick* and *ch* as in the word *chop*. The children have been reading words on the interactive whiteboard and in their partner practice books. This term we are focusing on verbally constructing and writing short sentences. Our **Further Reader** lessons this week have focused on the text **A Trip on the Tram**.

**Maths** learning this week has focused on introducing the number zero, finding and representing numbers from zero to five and subitising numbers to five. Subitising means knowing how many numbers there are in a set without counting. The children have been using objects, pictures and numbers to learn and we have witnessed them working collaboratively with their talk partners. Well done Apples!

We would love to welcome our **new teaching assistant- Mrs Barwick** to Apple Class. Mrs Barwick has extensive knowledge and skills in EYFS, previously working in a pre school for many years. We also welcomed a **new pupil- Tim**. It has been a pleasure getting to know them this week and every single child has been friendly and welcoming to them. We look forward to spending the next four terms together learning, growing and having lots of fun!

## Our week in photos...



### "I love being the teacher!"

This week many children have chosen to take on the role of 'teacher' during our Play and Learn sessions.

It has been wonderful to witness pupils independently lead sessions such as Maths and Phonics. In this photo you can see one of our little Apples leading a game of BINGO. She had ten pupils sitting on the carpet, enjoying the game. What a clever bunch we are!



### ***“How is ice made?”***

*The freezing conditions have not stopped us from exploring and learning outside. A group of pupils thoroughly enjoyed playing with the ice. This led to an extended period of discovery; the children learned about the process of water freezing. They then wanted to investigate how to melt the ice. After some discussion, they decided they wanted to pour warm water on the ice to see if it would melt. It took many bottles of warm water to melt, we eventually turned the ice back into water!*



### ***“I know that zero means nothing.”***

*Our fun and interactive Maths lessons this week have been brilliant, the pupils have all been involved in recognising and understanding the value of zero. They are experts at sorting numbers and items into those that are zero and those that are not. We have also had fun playing subsisting games in pairs.*

*Check out our photos this week:*

<https://www.hadlow.kent.sch.uk/term-3-1/>

## **Contact Us**

*Feel free to contact us any time: **appleclass@hadlow.kent.sch.uk** and we will endeavour to get back to you within 24 hours. If your query is urgent please contact the school office: **01732 850349**.*

***Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs Lissenden, Mrs Brinkley and Mrs Barwick.***