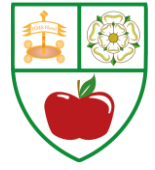


Applegarth Primary School



Curriculum News



Reception Autumn 2 2022

Firstly, thank you for all your support at home with supporting your child to recognise letters and sounds and practise forming letters. The children have settled really well into routines and we've noticed lots of progress already.

Our project this half term is:

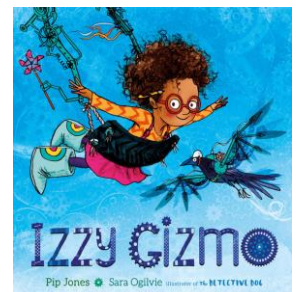
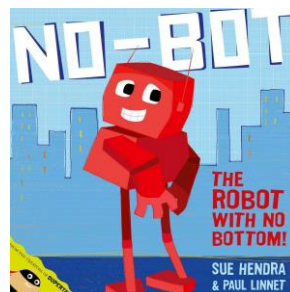
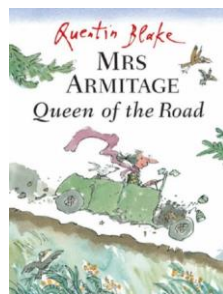
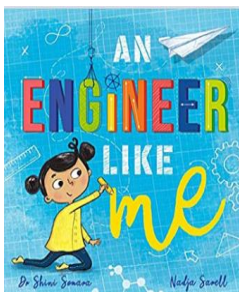
Marvellous Machines

This interest-led project teaches children about the technology that is part of their daily lives and how machines help us. The project gives children the opportunity to build and create marvellous machines.

The children will continue to learn through a blend of child initiated play, teacher initiated learning and whole class lessons such as phonics and maths.

The vocabulary the children will learn include: **Machine, communicate, technology, battery, electricity, sound, vibration, vehicle, wheel, axle, transport, robot, instructions, magnet, magnetic, material.**

Books we will be reading this half term:



Reminders

Please ensure **every** item of clothing (including gloves and hats in the colder months) are labelled with your child's name. It makes it so much easier to return lost items!

PE for both Honeybees (Mrs Burrell) and Bumblebees (Mr Whiteley) will be every **Monday**. Children in Reception are expected to come to school in uniform and practice getting changed as independently as possible for PE sessions.

Forest School

Honeybees will venture into the wildlife area on **Wednesday** afternoons.

Bumblebees will take part in Forest School every **Thursday** afternoon. If the weather is slightly rainy or cold, we still plan to learn outside, so please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing. All-In-One puddle suits are perfect to go over school uniform and an extra warm layer. Only in extreme weathers will we cancel.

Phonics

The children are still working through Phase 2 of Little Wandle's Revised Letters and Sounds. After Christmas we will start teaching Phase 3. All children will read three times in school (a decoding, prosody and comprehension lesson) before taking the books home to read with families. A separate letter will be sent home about logging into eBooks next week. Once this is up and running, your child will not only be able to access their current reading book, but will be able to enjoy the books they have read previously over again. Keep an eye out for it! Thank you for writing in your child's reading record **at least 3 times** each week. The comments can relate to enjoying a Little Wandle book or a Read to Me book. Further information can be found on our school website:

<https://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/our-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/>

Whoops - A - Daisy Angel



The children will begin learning songs for our nativity 'Whoops- A- Daisy Angel' over the next few weeks. We have pencilled in the date of **Tuesday 13th December at 10am** to perform the show. Northallerton Methodist Church have thankfully agreed to host us which will make it even more special. The running time is approx. 20 mins. More information will follow about help with costumes...etc.

Welcome Miss Stead

Miss Stead will join our team every Friday and teach in **Bumblebees** class up to February half term. This will be to allow Mrs Burrell to spend an extra day with her gorgeous baby, George. Mr Whiteley will switch to **Honeybees on Fridays** for the next two half terms. In previous years, teachers from Applegarth have been to observe good practice in Miss Stead's last school, so she is well known to us, and we feel lucky to have her in the team!

Communication



Seesaw

Most parents have managed to connect to their child's Seesaw account and it has been wonderful to see families posting 'Wow' moments from home as your child learns new knowledge and skills, as well as experiences days out in exciting places! Please keep doing this; the learning journals are intended to be a collaboration between families and teachers as the children continue on their learning journeys. If you are not yet connected to Seesaw Family and would like to be, please speak to your child's teacher.

Please keep checking:

Applegarth Blog: <http://blog.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk> (filter Reception category)

Weekly newsletter (emailed every Friday and available to view here: <https://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-newsletters>)

Our website: <https://www.applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk> visit our curriculum pages for more information about your child's learning.

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