

Applegarth Primary School



Curriculum News



Reception Spring 1 2023

Our project this half term is:

Long Ago

This project teaches children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today. We will compare how modern toys were different to the toys of their grandparents. We welcome any photographs or artefacts from when grandparents were young that might support their learning.

The vocabulary the children will learn include: **memory, remember, baby, toddler, adult, grow, history, grandparent, family, history, heritage, history, past, historian.**

Grandparents' Tea party

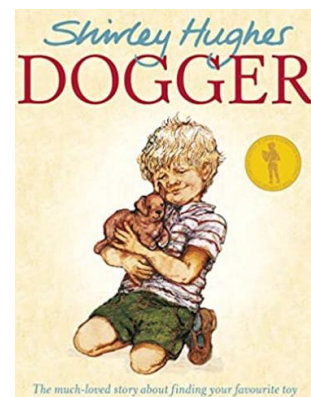
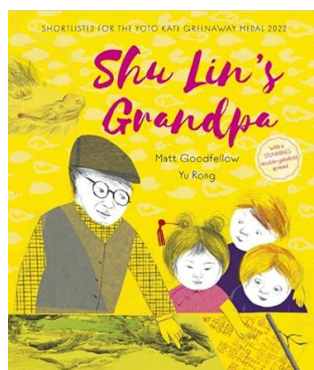
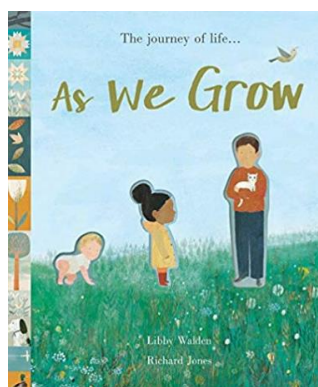
We would like to invite grandparents or a family member to join us for afternoon tea on **Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 2pm**. It would be great if the attending family member could bring along a piece of history of themselves (e.g. a childhood photo or artefact).

Books we will be reading this half term:

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr



The much-loved story about finding your favourite toy

Reminders

Please ensure **every** item of clothing is labelled with your child's name. It makes it so much easier to return lost items (and know whose shoes belongs to who when we change for Forest School!).

This half term Mr Lofthouse will be joining us for PE sessions. This means our PE day has changed to **Tuesday** for both classes. Whenever possible, these sessions will take place outside so a warm hoodie or jumper will be needed, as well as trainers for the field.

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.

Baptism at All Saints Church

Reverend Claire and Donnetta, from All Saints Church, have kindly agreed to baptise two dolls who have joined Honeybees and Bumblebees. The ceremony will take place on **Tuesday 10th January at 1.30pm**. We will walk over to All Saints Church after lunch and find out more about special ceremonies that take place in church. Families are more than welcome to join us on the walk to church. Please let your child's teacher know if you're available.

Ordering Lunches

To maximise learning time, we appreciate it when parents order their child's school dinner using **ParentPay**. If you need support logging in or navigating the website/APP, please speak to the office staff..

Pupil Premium

Now feels like a good time to also mention Pupil Premium. Just follow this link if you think you might be eligible (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>) The form is a five minute job and you will find out straight away if you are eligible or not. If you do receive Pupil Premium funding, the money comes directly to school and can be used for assistance with breakfast club, after school care, and practicalities like uniform or even music lessons. Pupil Premium stays with your child throughout their time in primary school, and you can apply from day one of Reception year – as you can see it doesn't just include a free school meal! Please take five minutes to see if you are eligible – the funding really helps school out too!

Communication

Seesaw

Thank you if you've managed to upload some family events or 'Wow' moments from home to celebrate your child's development. 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.

Reading at Home



Thank you for continuing with efforts to read at home with your child. Children will take home a new Big Cat Phonics book every Friday to practice. The children can swap their Read To Me books as often as they like. We encourage parents to keep a record of home reading in their Reading Records 3x per week.

Phonics

How to say the Phase 3 sounds

This term the children will cover the Phase 3 sounds from Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. We will send out a paper copy of these.

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

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase
ai		Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai	oo		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say oo oo oo
	tail in the rain			hook a book	