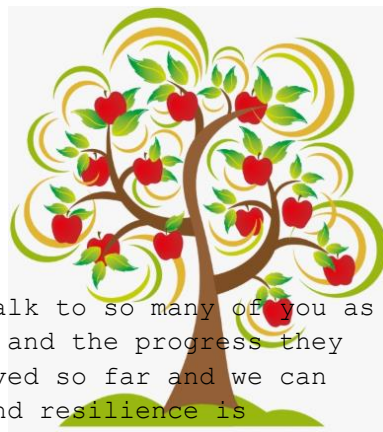


# Apple Class News



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to talk to so many of you as parents/carers this week about how your children have settled and the progress they are making. As a team we are so proud of what they have achieved so far and we can see a bright future ahead for them all. Their determination and resilience is inspiring!

In English this week the children have completed their first experience of writing a recount. The classroom was set up as an aeroplane and the children were given their own passports and tickets. We simulated a journey experience for the children to then recount. After all if you haven't experienced it, it is very difficult to write about. The children were treated to a safety briefing, followed by a simulated take off, in house hostess experience care of Mrs Hanrahan where the children were able to select a drink and order a snack. Finally we all buckled up safely for our landing and disembarked from the plane. The children utilised this experience to learn about recounting events using time words and sequencing events in chronological order. The children then used these opportunities to write their own recount of the aeroplane journey experience. The children clearly enjoyed this experience because at any opportunity they have set the classroom up with plane seats and tickets once again.

In Maths the children have continued to explore whole and parts of numbers and represented this practically with resources, then by using pictorial representations and then finally as a number. The children have moved on to looking at number bonds to ten and some are starting to explore number bonds to 20. They have utilised the Numicon resources and covered the ten plates with the different combinations before recording their findings. A game that the children might wish to use at home is called hit the button. The link is shown below. This allows the children to recall the number bond facts as quickly as possible and when they repeat the activity they can challenge themselves to see if they can beat their personal best.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

In Science we have been developing their knowledge of naming different features and body parts of an animal and looking at the similarities and difference between them. The children have enjoyed using their knowledge to test their friends by describing an animal using the scientific vocabulary and giving clues. The other children then have to guess what the animal is. Why not play this game at home with your children to see the new knowledge they have acquired.

## Reminders

- PE days are on Monday and Thursday so these are the days that they will need to come into school in their PE kits.
- Please remember to send your child in with a snack and a water bottle.
- ♦ Books will be sent home every Monday and returned every Friday. This allows the books to be quarantined over the weekend and then redistributed the following week.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs Southon & Mrs Hanrahan

