

# CLASS ONE

## Sunny Days!

### Apple Store

We are looking forward to visiting the Apple Store next week to learn more about how to create our own simple videos on an iPad. The children are keen to put their current knowledge into practise and I am looking forward to seeing how they use their story telling skills alongside their ICT skills to create films for our 'cinema'.

### Dough Gym

Handwriting is an important part of the curriculum in schools but until children have developed the necessary muscles in their shoulders, arms, hands and fingers, it is hard for them to produce accurate, neat writing. With this in mind, we have introduced 'Dough Gym' and 'Funky Fingers' three times a week to help develop those crucial muscles. It works on gross and fine motor skills to help the children become more adept and comfortable at holding and using pencils and other implements correctly. If you would like ideas for activities you could try at home with your child, please ask!



### Chairs in rows

We are concentrating our learning on 'Chairs in Rows' this term. For the past few months now, the children have been spending their time rearranging the classroom furniture to make cinemas, theatres, cars, buses, trains and anything else they can think of that involves moving furniture!!!

We have decided to focus their passion this term and have created a wonderful area where the children can explore this topic with more direction. It has currently been a cinema and a theatre and the children have been able to use their writing skills, role-play skills, maths skills and more in this area. You will see various observations on Tapestry to show what the children have been up to, including using their ICT skills to begin to create short films!





## General notices and reminders:

- As we have PE lessons on Tuesdays, your child will need their PE kit, including plimsolls. Please make sure your child's kit is fully labelled as we have had quite a few problems this year with children not knowing whose shorts or shirts are whose when putting their kits back in their bags.
- Snack this term comes to £10. If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you could please pay this term's snack fees either up front as a lump sum, or at £1 a week for the term. Thank you.
- If you have not already done so, please make sure you have returned the sunscreen slip for the summer term. If you do not wish to pay £1 for the school's supply, please provide a labelled bottle for your child to keep in school for hot, sunny days. You will need to return the form in either case. Thank you.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit [www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage](http://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage).

## Trip to the Cinema

As part of our topic this term, we took the children on a trip to the cinema to see Peppa Pig. While we were there, we looked at the box office to see where tickets are bought from, the concession stand, where we bought some popcorn, and checked out our tickets to work out which seats we needed to sit on. The children were all able to read the number on their ticket and discovered that the tickets also had row letters as well as seat numbers!

The children sat beautifully during the film and were excited to be able to enjoy their own little tub of popcorn whilst watching. They understood the importance of sitting quietly so as not to disturb other cinema goers but joined in sensibly at all the right parts.

We are looking forward to taking the children on another trip after Half Term, to the theatre this time. We will get the chance to see the box office, talk to people about how the theatre works and have a look around the Drum Theatre at the staging and seating. The children can then use their new found knowledge in their play back at school.

