Apple Class Lets get learning! Autumn 1 WE WILL, OF COURSE, ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND CURRENT FASCINATIONS.

Children learn as they play and play is at the heart of everything we do in Apple Class.

THEMES THIS HALF TERM

- · Marvellous Me,
- On the farm at Harvest time,
- Autumn All Around.

This half term we aim to:

- begin to develop an awareness of ourselves and others,
- begin to show consideration for others,
- identify members of our own family,
- begin to explore the natural world and the forever changing seasons,
- begin to understand different job occupations within the local community (role of a farmer)
- begin to know how this directly impacts us (how farmers harvest food for us to eat.)

Feeling Settled and happy by:

- learning our daily rules and routines
- learning the school's 3 Cs (Caring, Curious and Courageous)
- building new friendships and relationships
- learning each other's names.
- growing in independence through self-registration, putting on aprons, accessing snack and washing hands.

OUR CORE TEXTS

Let's make faces by Hanoch Piven, Leafman by Lois Ehlert, Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell.

We have chosen stories to represent the 3 Cs, which are: The Smartest Giant in Town, Giraffes Can't Dance and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will also be sharing lots of other stories but these will be the main focus up until October half term.

SKILLS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

The skills we will be focusing on:

- separating happily from family members
- listen and join in with refrains and repeated language in stories
- clap rhythms in words and phrases and listening to the initial sound in words (especially the first initial of our name)
- following instructions
- asking and answer questions
- retelling stories and create our own
- sniping with scissors using thumb and first two fingers
- holding pens and pencils with thumb and first two fingers to make shapes, lines and to trace letters in our names

It would be great if you could reinforce these skills at home!