

# Apple Class and Cherry Class Topic Letter

Autumn 1

7<sup>th</sup> September 2026



We are delighted to share our very first topic letter with you! A topic letter will be emailed to you each half term to outline the term's theme/topic, and give you an insight into what we will be up to in class. A weekly overview of learning will also be put up each week in the yellow owl board on your way into school, as well as on the website.

This first topic letter will be slightly lengthier to a typical topic letter but provides lots of important information about your child's first term. We really appreciate your support so far.

Our first topic this year is... **"Houses and Homes"**

Lots of our time in September is spent settling the children into their new school, and supporting them through the transition process. The children will also have the opportunity to talk about what they like about their home; the people they share their home with and we will also enjoy some Traditional Tales such as the Three Little Pigs in order to explore different types of homes. We will also spend time getting to know each other, by talking about ourselves; our interests and our families. We will talk about what makes us special, our similarities and differences.

Within Maths, we will start to explore numbers 1-3 and we will begin our Phonics journey by introducing and learning our first letters, *s a t p i n*.

As families, you are an extremely important part of your child's learning journey at Pendle! For this topic, and to support discussions about houses and homes, we would love for you to send us a family photo and a picture of the outside of your house. This will be shared in class, and displayed for the children to see at school. Please email these to:

Apple Class - [appleclass@pendle.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:appleclass@pendle.lancs.sch.uk)

Cherry Class - [cherry@pendle.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cherry@pendle.lancs.sch.uk)

*(These emails are not monitored daily, so please ensure urgent queries are communicated on drop off/pick up or via the school office).*

Our class pages will be regularly updated to provide you with a sneak peek into all the fun we are having! It is recommended to look at these with your child to avoid the inevitable "I forgot" when they are asked what they did that day.

Please ensure that your child's PE bag and **named** wellies come to school with them by the end of their first full time week (by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September). Remember to pack at least **2 pairs of spares** in here, even if your child is not prone to 'accidents'. Please let us know if you require support to provide these as we often have spares.

Please check your child's book bag daily and remove any letters, drawings or other items they may have brought home.

Please also ensure you have been onto Cool Milk to register your child for free school milk if you would like your child to have milk in school. It is useful to have a reminder set a week before your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to re-register dependent upon whether your child would like to continue having milk.

All other information can be found in the Induction Booklet, and of course by asking any of the Early Years team.

You will be invited into school over the year for various events, such as Stay and Play sessions and curriculum meetings for example. We do endeavour to ensure these take place on a range of days and times across the year to ensure you are able to attend as many as possible. We always aim to give as much notice as we can.

There are two upcoming events for this half term:

- **Reception lunch-** One parent/carer or sibling in school is invited to come into school for lunch. It will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> October for Apple class and 8<sup>th</sup> October for Cherry class. More details will be on Parent Pay shortly, so please do sign up and check on there.
- **Curriculum meeting-** This will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 5pm. This will be a chance to explain how we teach the curriculum in school, in particular phonics and maths, and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for taking the time to read what is a lengthier topic letter – however we hope this eases the transition for both you and your child.

We are very excited for the year ahead!

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

We look forward to our year together!

Miss Lancaster, Miss Pritchard, Mrs Whitwell and the Early Years Team.

