

School: St Gregory CEVC Primary School

Specialist Unit: Apple Class – Key Stage 2 Cognition and Learning

Number of places: 10



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Description of Unit

Apple Class is a supportive, nurturing and caring environment for children from Year 3 to 6, the majority of whom have specific learning difficulties and needs. It is led by an experienced teacher who is supported by three Learning Support Assistants each day. The staff also have a high degree of expertise in communication and interaction. Although there is a high ratio of adult to children 1:1 support is not provided. The unit is upstairs in the main school building with two learning rooms, a soft play room, a messy play room and a sensory room. The children wear school uniform but reasonable adjustments are allowed.

Overview

The children in Apple Class attend Collective Worship each morning with the rest of the school. They then complete their Daily Mile outside and spend the morning carrying out their Maths and English activities in small groups or with individual support. The children have their snack together as a social time before having morning break with the rest of the school. They also have lunch with the rest of the school and an afternoon break with Key Stage 1. Where appropriate, pupils can join their mainstream age group for lessons such as PE, Music or Art and in Year 5 the children accompany their mainstream peers on the school residential trip.

Each week has a theme based on the letters and sounds that the children are learning about and activities will be prepared around that. The children often leave the school site for walks into town or to feed the ducks on our local meadows. There are trips to a farm, the seaside and the theatre each year and the children have swimming lessons at the local pool for two terms of the year and Forest School sessions in the local woods for the other term.