



Acorn Class Newsletter

Welcome back and I hope you have all had a fun-filled Christmas holiday. Acorn class has completed their first full term at school and I am so proud of them for how well they have settled into school life. We have a busy term ahead with a fun topic to get our teeth into. As always if you have any questions about anything coming up in the current term, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or Mrs Schofield.

Miss H Marnes

What we are learning this term...

Topic (Understanding of the World)

This term's topic is 'Toys' which will begin with looking at our own toys and then moving onto looking at different types of toys in the past and present. We will incorporate ICT to explore programmable toys and making up our own toy stories using camera and video. As with all EYFS topics, we follow the children's interests and therefore this topic may take on a journey of its own!

Literacy

For Literacy lessons, we will be looking at stories about toys including 'Kippers Toy box', the 'Old Bear' stories, 'I love you Blue Kangaroo' and 'Traction Man'. We will also do some work on Disney's 'Toy Story'. We will look at what toys mean to us and then try writing our own toy adventures!

In our daily phonics sessions we will be continuing to introduce new digraphs and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound) and practise blending our letter sounds to read and spell. The sounds we will be learning this half term are the following:

ow	ur	oi	er	igh/ie	ear	air	ure
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Your child's sound pack will be updated in the first few weeks of term to include these sounds and previously learnt digraphs. It will also include a 'Tricky word monster' which will help your child practise reading tricky words at home.

Alongside your child's weekly reading, we will begin to start a guided reading session every week where your child will be reading a book with a group of children. These books will then be available for you to read at home. This is something that we hope to get up and running in the first few weeks of term and another letter will go out explaining further one we have it in place.

In our handwriting lessons, we will be focusing on the 'bouncy' letters:

r	n	m	b	h	k	p
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Maths

Our work in Maths will include some recording but will mainly involve mental and practical activities. I plan to focus particularly on problem solving, so the children are aware of how to use the maths skills they are learning in real life situations. The children will be working with money, addition, subtraction, weight (measures), pattern and data handling.

REMINDERS:

If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they are covered up or earrings removed on P.E days

Please make sure P.E kits, uniform, lunchboxes, coats, book bags and water bottles are labelled.

Show and Tell will continue to be on a Friday afternoon.

Our weekly P.E session will take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please do not forget to write down any wow moments for our wow wall. The children have enjoyed sharing these with one another.

What we are learning this term... continued

Expressive Arts & Design

As part of their creative development, the children will continue to take part in the weekly music session with Mr Noble-Jamieson. Our art lessons will focus on winter exploring colours and textures through collage, printing and paints.

Our weekly P.E session will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon where we will be concentrating on spatial awareness and ball games.

Physical Development

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our circle time sessions will focus on 'It's good to be me' celebrating the children's achievements and understanding things they are good at.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The library book system will be continued this term. Mrs Eady and Mrs Young aim to change the books fortnightly so please ensure that the books are available to be changed in your child's book bags on the date given.



Reading books will continue to be changed on a Friday. Please leave your child's reading book and reading record in the yellow tray if you would like it changed before Friday.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As part of the 'Toy' topic this term, we will be comparing toys in the past to the present. I am looking for any grandparents who would like to come and talk to class about the toys they used to play with when they were little. Please let me know if you can volunteer a grandparent and we can arrange a suitable date.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: