



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 half term's topic is 'People who help us' where we will be looking at different job roles in our community and what they do to help us. This will include policemen, doctors, vets and firemen. To support this topic, we have been busy making our role play area into a fire station, complete with our very own Acorn class fire engine! I have also organised a visit from a police officer to talk to the children about their job role and I am currently in the process of arranging a class outing to the local fire station- details regarding this trip will be sent out as soon as everything is confirmed.

As with all EYFS topics, we follow the children's interests and therefore this topic may take on a journey of its own as we continue through the term

Literacy

For Literacy lessons, we will focus on forming sentences using full stops and encouraging the children to be confident to use their sounds to write phonetically plausible words.

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:

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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 on ordinal numbers, addition, subtraction, weight (measures), money and recognising numerals.

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.

Physical Development

Our weekly P.E session will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon where we will be concentrating on co-ordination and control.

REMINDERS:

Your child should come to school with a labelled book bag and water bottle every day.

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

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

As the weather is becoming very cold, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day.

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

CALLING FOR MAGAZINES!

I am always in search of new and exciting reading materials for our classroom reading area.

If you have any children's magazines, comics or leaflets at home, please bring them in to share with the class!



What we are learning this term... continued

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our circle time sessions will focus on the school's learning behaviours and how we can incorporate them into our learning.

ICT

We try to incorporate ICT into all realms of our curriculum and the children's daily play. We will have weekly ICT sessions focusing this term on typing messages and becoming DJs and designers.

P.E KITS

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a clearly labelled P.E kit. The P.E kit will remain with us throughout the half term and will be sent home with your child during half term.

Your child does not require outdoor P.E shoes this term as all P.E sessions will take place in the hall.

Please note if your child has pierced ears, earrings must be either removed or covered up on a Tuesday for our weekly P.E session. Unfortunately your child will not be able to take part in P.E if this does not happen.

