

Acorn Class Newsletter



Welcome to Acorn class!

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to your child's first term at school. This newsletter will give you an overview of what is happening in Acorn class and will be sent out at the beginning of each term. It's been a busy summer holidays moving our things back to Buttercup building and turning it into a classroom fit for our lovely new Acorns. We have also worked on our outside area too. There is always more to do and I am sure it will evolve and change a bit once we have the children in but I am pretty excited about our new home!

In the first two weeks of term we will concentrate on getting the children used to the new routines and surroundings of school life. During this time, myself and Mrs Witthuhn will be making on entry assessments of your child's learning. Following this we will move onto the topic of 'My World', where we will be doing a series of fun and exciting activities involving all areas of the EYFS curriculum. As is the ethos of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, we follow the children's ideas and interests and all our activities allow the children to play and explore through active learning.

I update our class page on the school website every week- please look on there for pictures of what the class has been up to, what we are learning that week and also information and reminders for the following week.

Mrs Marsden

P.S Don't forget to bring in the 'Magical Me' boxes given out on transfer day. Each child will be given a chance to share their box throughout the first 2 weeks of term. We will then send them home for you to keep. ☺

What we are learning this term...

Topic (Understanding of the World)

This half term's topic is 'My World' which allows us all to get to know one another and explore the world around us, from our school to our home to our environment. Initially we will be focusing on our own likes and interests and finding out about each other's families. Following this, we will look at the world we live in focusing on our school, our home, our village and our country. Our role play area is a home corner, which links in with our work on our homes. We try to incorporate ICT into our topic sessions where we can. As with all EYFS topics, we follow the children's interests and therefore this topic may take on a journey of its own!

Literacy

This term literacy will focus on phonics. After the first two weeks, we will begin our daily phonics sessions, introducing a letter sound every day and then moving the children to blending and segmenting these letters to read and write words.

The letter sounds we will focus on this half term are:

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I will be doing a Phonics Session for Acorn class parents on Monday 25th September to give you more information about how Phonics is taught at All Saints, and how you can help at home. It will begin at 3:30pm in Oak classroom and a crèche will be provided in the hall for the children.

Alongside this, we will focus on pencil grip and letter formation. We will have daily 'Finger Gym' sessions and challenges which focuses on building up our finger muscles to ensure we hold our pencil and form our letters correctly.

What we are learning this term continued....

Maths

Our work in Maths will include some recording but will mainly involve mental and practical activities. The children will be working on counting, matching numerals to sets and then simple addition, including finding one more of a number. They will also be looking at 2D shapes, patterns and measuring height this half term.

Expressive Arts & Design

Art lessons will link to our topic and focus on using different techniques and materials to produce self-portraits, collages and pattern printing this half term. The children will take part in the weekly music session with Dr Noble-Jamieson on Monday afternoons, where we will be focusing on beat and tempo.

Physical Development

Our physical development (P.E) lessons will take place in the school hall. Our weekly P.E session will be on a Friday morning and will be focusing on spatial awareness in the first half term. If your child has pierced ears, please can you make sure their earrings are removed or covered up every Friday.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our circle time sessions (PSED) will focus on 'New Beginnings', where we will talk about feelings and how to manage them. We will also take time to talk about routines and rules of the classroom to help the children get settled into school life. We will be also be introducing our school's Learning Behaviours and our new R.E scheme called the Emmanuel Project.

Show & Tell Schedule

Show & Tell will take place on Friday afternoons.

This is a chance for your child to bring in something special to share with the class. I have allocated children per week to share their object, so please ensure your child brings their show and tell only on their allocated date.

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| Friday 15 th September | Aleshia, Cordelia, Romani, George |
| Friday 22 nd September | Theo, Spencer, Italia, Amelie |
| Friday 29 th September | Caleb, Imogen, Lacey, Frank |
| Friday 6 th October | Rafe, Max, Mabel, Arabella |
| Friday 13 th October | Aurora, Amelia, Luke, Samuel |
| Friday 20 th October | Scarlett, Isla, Logan |

Medication

If your child requires medication, please can you provide us with a care plan and the medication for us to keep in school.

Gilly & Ziggy

Our class toys will begin their adventures and go home with 2 children at the weekend in the next few weeks. We decide who takes them home by picking names from a pot.

Learning Journeys

This year, we are starting using a programme called Tapestry which is an online learning journal for each child. This means that instead of having folders, you will be able to access your child's learning journey online. We will still have folders to collect children's work they do in child initiated time but any observations will be online. I will send a letter out shortly giving you more details on how to set yourself up. Please bear with us for the first weeks as we get ourselves familiar with this new programme!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Here are a few dates for your diaries for the following term. Further dates will be available on the school newsletter, however the dates below are specific for Acorn class:

Monday 25th September- Phonics Parents Session 3:30pm in Oak Classroom (Crèche provided)