

Acorn Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Communication and Language

- ◇ Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
 - ◇ To communicate in well-formed sentences.
- ◇ We will be acquiring new vocabulary, specific to the activities that we are doing.
- ◇ Engage with stories regularly, expressing our opinions and listening to the opinions of others.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ◇ We will be becoming independent individuals this term.
 - ◇ Understanding the school rules.
 - ◇ Expressing our likes and dislikes effectively.
- ◇ Managing our own needs e.g. washing hands effectively, putting on our coat independently.

Physical Development

- ◇ Through P.E. we will be: getting dressed and undressed confidently and competently and learning fundamental movements that support our core strength.
- ◇ We will also start to develop our fine motor skills, focussing on developing a string pencil grip.

Additional Information:

- ◇ Please continue to use Class Dojo to access information, key dates and homework tasks.
- ◇ P.E. will be on a Friday morning. Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit.
- ◇ We like to encourage the children to drink water regularly in school, please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle. No juice.

Reading, Writing and Phonics

- ◇ We will be starting to learn the phase 2 sounds and applying them in our 'reading squad' sessions.
- ◇ We will be reading with an adult 3 times a week developing our fluency and comprehension skills.
 - ◇ We will be focussing on the book: **Hello Friend!** And basing our literacy learning around this text.
- ◇ We will be making meaningful marks and beginning to in-corporate some letter formation.

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Mathematics

- ◇ Counting to 5 and beyond.
 - ◇ Recognise numerals to 5.
- ◇ Counting sets of objects with 1:1 correspondence.
 - ◇ Matching and sorting numbers up to 5.
 - ◇ Making simple patterns.
- ◇ Applying our knowledge of numbers in our learning environment.

Understanding the World

- ◇ Learning about ourselves, our bodies and events within our living memory.
 - ◇ Who is in our family and beginning to understand the community around us.
 - ◇ We will also be celebrating some key events this term including: Roald Dahl day, recycling week, Harvest Festival and Halloween, adding these to our class timeline.

Expressive Arts and Design

- ◇ Explore colours and colour mixing.
- ◇ Explore different materials and make decisions about what they are going to make.
 - ◇ Take part in role-play, using objects to represent different things.
 - ◇ Begin to play instruments with an increasing amount of control.