

Acorns Newsletter

Summer Term Two

At last, the sun has arrived and we hope it's here to stay! The children in Acorns really enjoy being outside, so a polite reminder to put some suncream on your child before school and send them with a sunhat to help keep them cool. This half term our topic is 'Oh, the Places We'll Go!' We'll be exploring the local area, talking about getting ready for school and where we may be going on holiday over the summer. The children will be reading stories such as 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', 'All Aboard' and 'Trip to the Park'. I hope your children enjoy their last half-term in Nursery and learn lots along the way.

Mrs Gibson



Please remember to bring a change of clothes for:

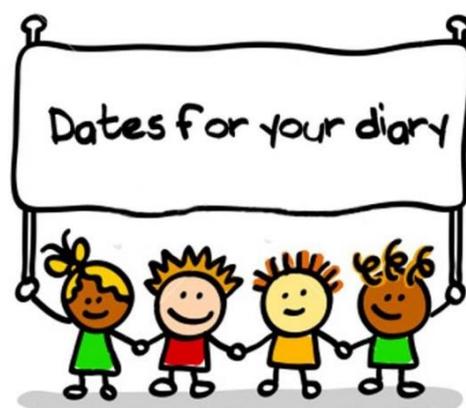
- **Forest School every Monday**
- **PE every Thursday**

The reason we ask for a change of clothes to be sent is so that the children can get used to managing their own belongings in class and practice getting dressed/undressed, in preparation for Reception in September.

Please remember to have a look at our weekly sway page! It's full of links to videos, resources and activities that we're doing in class.



Congratulations to Kiara, Ernie, Nevaeh, Ollie, Phoenix, Eden and Elsie-May who all got our Star of the Week award last half-term.



Father's Day 20th June

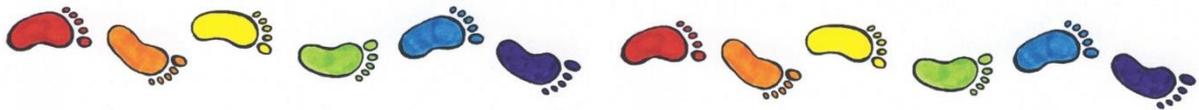
Nursery Parents' Evening
5th/6th/7th July

School Closes 21st July

School Re-opens 2nd September



Our Learning Journey So Far



Nursery is one big learning journey, and we're keen to encourage children's learning through following their own interests. Here are some of the things we got up to last half term, and how this supported your child's learning.

We always embrace the outdoors in Acorns and we didn't shy away from the opportunity to explore some of the downpours of rain that we had last half term. With their wetsuits and wellies to the ready, the children enjoyed taking part in a huge colour mixing activity using dry powder paint and puddles.



Superhero Acorns to the rescue! As part of our Super Creatures theme, we also looked at superheroes. We read the story 'Supertato' and 'There's a Superhero in Your Book', talking about what makes a good superhero. The children made their own supertato characters, re-enacted the story using a variety of vegetables and made their own superhero peg people.



The children enjoyed our topic of minibeasts last half-term, taking part in a minibeast hunt in both Forest School and our outdoor area. The children created an observation station in class, where they would bring in creatures from outside and place them in jars to look at through our magnifying glasses. The children made a wormery and watched the different tracks that they made through the soil. We found a bee in the garden and spent a few days leaving it flowers to help it find the energy to fly away. In Forest School, the children discovered a bird's nest and we've been watching and waiting to see if we can see any baby birds popping their heads out. We did butterfly pictures, made our own caterpillars, created our own spirals like snail shells and made some play dough insects.

What's Coming Up this Half Term?

Take a look below at some of the brilliant activities this half term.

We'll be exploring places we go this half term, looking at our local area and re-creating some of the shops we might visit in class. We'll be having our very own café, taking part in tea parties and picnicking outside as much as we can. The children will be talking about the places they go when they're not in school, such as the park or play areas, and what we can do there. We'll be using Google images to explore the local area and encourage the children to tell us what they can see and spot places they know.

Ready, steady, school! As the end of the school year approaches, we'll be talking to the children about starting school in September and what this will mean for them. We'll also be sharing with you some things that you can do with your child over the summer, to help prepare them for school.



We're all going on a summer holiday! We'll be talking to the children about where they might go over the summer and what places they'll visit. We'll be looking at beach stays and walks in the wood, as well as looking at how we might get somewhere, by boat, train or plane.

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The books that we will be exploring this half-term are:

- Superworm
- Supertato
- George and the Dragon
- What the Ladybird Heard
- Norman the Slug with the Very Silly Shell

Mathematics

Our Maths focus this half term is around separating groups of objects; commenting when two groups have the same amount and noticing when the number of objects stays the same, even when grouped differently. We'll also be recapping on things such as counting to 10, recognising numbers 1-15 and matching the right amounts to the right number.



Phonics

The children are underway with learning some of the initial sounds and letters from the Read Write Inc. phonics programme and we've started to practise blending and segmenting simple CVC words. We'll be playing games such as I Hear With My Little Ear and encouraging children to listen, hear and say the initial sounds in familiar words.

HOME LEARNING

We're continuing to share our weekly Sway Page which will share links to activities, stories and songs that we're covering in class. We're also adding a new section to our Sway Page about how you can extend your child's learning at home, following on from activities that we've done in class. Please remember to upload any photographs of your child to Tapestry.