



Acorn Class

Summer Term Newsletter 2019

We would like to welcome you back after the holidays and we hope you enjoyed a fabulous Easter. We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support at home and at school. Many thanks Miss Richardson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Dickinson

Topic

Our first Summer Term topic is 'Farm to Fork'. We shall be finding out about where our food comes from and what farms produce in our locality. We shall also look further afield at how food travels from around the World to end up on our fork.

In the second half term our focus turns to creepy crawlies in 'A Bug's Life'. We will go on minibeast hunts and hopefully have some 'visitors' in our classroom to observe close-up!

Our 7 Areas of Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be talking about feelings and relationships in regular Circle Time sessions, discussing the importance of positive relationships.

Communication and Language

We shall look at developing our listening and speaking skills, especially when retelling stories and talking about our experiences.

Physical Development

Whilst finding out about the food we eat, we will also explore the importance of a healthy lifestyle, especially the need for a balanced diet.

Literacy

In this area, we will be using a number of texts linked to both food and insects to inspire us to produce pieces of writing that others can enjoy. Our ever expanding knowledge of phonics will be used to drive our written work.

We are also having a 'Once Upon a Time' in May where we will be reading, writing and acting out lots of traditional tales. We will finish the week with a traditional tales dress up day. More information to follow!

Mathematics

We will further consolidate our understanding of numbers up to 20. We shall begin to look at using our mathematical knowledge to solve practical problems. We will also spend time looking at pattern, different ways of measuring and the properties of shapes.

Understanding the world

Whilst finding out about our food's journey, we will be able to explore how our locality differs to those in other parts of the world. Having some minibeasts in the classroom will allow us to observe them closely and discuss similarities and differences between their appearance, habitat and diet to name a few. We will also be using technology to develop our knowledge and understanding of both topics.

Expressive arts and design

We shall look to develop our painting, taking Vincent van Gogh as our inspiration. We will explore further music making and how we can change the sounds of instruments. We will look to develop our role play through traditional stories.

PE and Games Lessons

This term, depending on the weather, our PE sessions will be held outdoors. These will be held on a Monday and Thursday.

Pupils will therefore need their outdoor kit in school as well as some indoor and outdoor shoes.

Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named.**

Please could you also ensure that any earrings can be taken out or that tape is provided for your child.

Sun protection

Hopefully the Summer Term will bring with it plenty of good weather and sunshine. This will allow our children to take their learning outdoors more often.

Please remember to apply sunscreen before they come to school and send adequate headwear to protect them.

Other information

Reading books and the red phonics books will be sent home each night. When reading with your child please complete the reading records.

Before you throw anything out please think if we could use it in the Foundation Stage.

We are always on the lookout for resources to enhance our provision. Dressing up clothes, pots, pans, boxes, materials, blankets, cushions, guttering and books will be greatly appreciated.

If you think we might be able to use it please bring it in!

We would also love to share any resources from home linked to our topics. Or, if parents/carers have an expertise in either of these areas, please contact us to arrange a visit.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Miss Richardson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Dickinson