



Acorn Class Newsletter- Terms 3 and 4

Reception

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school this week after our Christmas break. They have all come back happy and eager to learn and it is great to see the children's confidence growing now they are fully settled back into class. New friendships are forming as the children work and play together and they are all loving trying new things in class.

Curriculum

This term, we are learning about animals from around the world; So far, the children have loved being vets in our new role play area and learning about animals from the Polar region. Next week we will be talking about pets. If you have a pet at home and would like to bring in a photograph of that pet for your child to talk about, they would be very welcome. Our new writing area is proving very popular this week with many children now choosing to write!

Our topic in term four is 'Our Community'. We look forward to learning all about the people in our community who help us, including our doctors and the police.

Phonics and Reading

The children receive daily phonic sessions and are zooming through the sounds! We are now entering phase 3 of Letters and Sounds and are learning a new sound every day. Sound mats can be found at the back of your child's contact book for you to use with your child.

Your child reads with the teacher once a week and I have been so impressed with the progress! We use the contact book to give feedback, next steps and things to try at home. When you read with your child at home, feel free to use the contact book to write anything you have noticed as this helps to form a rounded picture of your child's reading journey.

Don't forget to practise the tricky words attached to the front of your child's contact book. These are words that don't follow the general rules of phonics and are therefore 'trickier' to read. These words are checked regularly in school and more will be added as the term goes on.

Tapestry

Don't forget, you can keep informed of your child's progress in class by logging onto the online tapestry. Please see me if you have any questions regarding this.

PE and Clothing

A reminder that our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays and that children will need a named PE kit in school. If your child usually wears tights to school during the winter months, don't forget to pop a pair of socks in their PE kit to change into when wearing plimsolls. Children must have earrings removed before participating in PE.

The children still spend time exploring the outdoors during their child initiated play; therefore it is essential they come to school with suitable clothing for the weather. All clothing must be named to avoid items getting mixed up or going missing and it is recommended that your child keep a spare set of clothes in school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to remind you that if there is anything you would like to discuss with me regarding your child's time in school, to catch me at the beginning or end of the day or write to me in the contact book, which is checked daily.

Miss Smeeton