

Dear Parent

Summer Term Curriculum Letter - Acorns

Welcome to the Summer Term in Acorns class. I can't believe how far your child has come and how much they have changed this year. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement - it really does make a difference.

This final term we will start to focus on transition for your child. This will begin at the door in the morning and I hope you can support us with saying goodbye before your child enters the classroom then leaving promptly. All the children are now able to independently do their morning jobs and, of course, we are there to support anyone who needs a little extra.

I am introducing a twice-weekly Open Classroom session on Wednesdays and Fridays (8.40-9am). On these occasions you are welcome to come in and share a book or an activity with your child once they have done their morning jobs.

As we enter your child's final term in Acorns Class you may hear about changes to our daily routines and classroom organisation. This is a brief overview of some of our plans and useful things to know about for the forthcoming months:

Carpet places: Children will have new carpet spaces to ensure they get to partner with someone different this term and we hope this will nurture new friendships.

Literacy : Your child will be working in a group with children of a similar reading/writing ability. We will continue to review the 'special friends', learn a new 'red word' each week and reinforce techniques for decoding words. Your child will read out-loud in a group regularly and we will be developing their writing skills. We will begin to encourage a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full-stop at the end for those children ready.

Maths We will continue to ensure a maths-rich environment for your child to apply and practise their mathematical skills. Short, teacher-led, daily sessions will continue to reinforce key skills and ensure coverage across the Early Years curriculum focusing on fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Home/School Learning: This term I will be sending home a maths-focused activity on a Friday for you to look at with your child during the week. It will reflect the skills we've been learning about that week so the concepts will be familiar to your child. We will collect in the folders the following week to review and update.

Walk a Mile: Linking in to the whole-school initiative, the Acorns class will be spending 15 minutes a day building up our fitness.

Swimming: from 9 May the Acorns will go swimming weekly on a Tuesday morning. Please help your child by practising changing into a swimming costume and back into clothes! We would strongly advise avoiding tights for girls on Tuesdays!

Lunch, Snack & Milk: Toward the end of this term we will begin to integrate the Acorns children with the rest of the school in the lunch hall. It's very exciting to join our friends in key stage 1! We will continue to offer a daily healthy snack for all children however once your child has turned 5 you will need to pay for milk if you want them to continue to receive it. Mrs Hodgson or Ms Ivey in the office can help you with this.

Outdoor Learning: We are ever hopeful of fine days but of course Cornish weather is unpredictable. We will continue with our Wednesday afternoon outdoor adventures and children will no doubt be spending more time in our outdoor classroom as the weather improves. Please ensure your child brings a light coat to school even if it is fine in the morning. We would also ask now that they bring a sun hat and a labelled sun cream that can stay in the classroom. We will make the sun cream available in the morning for you to apply yourself. Your child will then re-apply the cream at lunchtime with adult support.

Mr & Mrs Monkey: If you have not already had a visit from a Monkey your turn will come soon! Help your child to record their diary entry themselves with as much support as you feel is necessary. Your child will get a chance to retell Monkey's visit to their friends during circle time.

What can you do? More of the same please! Continue to read every day with your child - remember reading at home is for pleasure and to develop a life-long love of books. If your child is keen you could help them practise writing their numbers to 20 and encourage them to write words in sentences at home. Finally, show them how to apply sun-cream without getting into a pickle!

As always I am available first thing in the morning and after school should you want a quick chat. For anything more in-depth or private I am happy to arrange an after school appointment. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey.

Regards

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