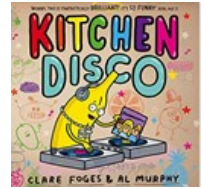
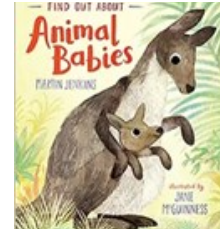
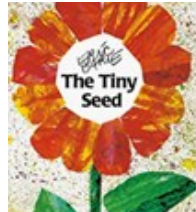
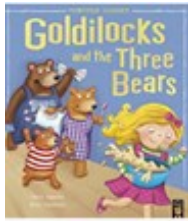


Acorns Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term

Animals, People and Growing



Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break with your children and are feeling as excited about the term ahead as we are. We were so impressed with how the children settled last term. They have all made huge progress in adapting to the new rules and routines of their first classroom environment. It has been lovely to watch them make friends, learn how to help and support each other, understand how to use the classroom and how to tidy up again!

Topics and Teaching

The next term may be much shorter than the last but we still have lots planned and we are looking forward to watching the children flourish and continue their learning and broaden their experiences.

For the first half term, the topics are: **Winter**, **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**, **Forests** and **People's Jobs**. We will also have a day to celebrate **Chinese New Year**.

We have a school trip to Birchanger Woods planned and are also looking for people to come in and talk to the children about the jobs that they do.

After the half term holiday, our topics are: **Animals**, **Spring**, **Plants**, and **Easter**

We are hoping to have some animal visitors in nursery, visit the life bus and we have a balance bike session booked in for the end of the term.

In our phonics teaching, we will be beginning to introduce the skill of alliteration alongside the other 5 aspects of phase 1: (environmental sounds, voice sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, instrumental sounds). This term, we are holding a parent information session on phonics (see diary dates below).

Our maths teaching will include matching the correct number to a group of objects, copying and creating repeating patterns and describing routes.

PE and Forest School

Our PE sessions will continue on a Tuesday (please ensure your child comes into school in a PE kit). Our forest school sessions (that are becoming a particular favourite with lots of the children) will continue on a Friday.

Books

Thank you for ensuring your child has their book bag in school every day. We have set up a new system so your child will be able to change their book every day. If you have not had chance to read the book or they want to read it again, they do not have to change it. The book bags are also great for sending home picture and letters.

Please continue to read to your child as much as possible at home. It is one of the most important things you can do to help your child's progress. We are going to start having regular sessions at Nursery for parents to come in and share a book with their child.

Tapestry

We will continue to post pictures and comments about what the children are up to in Nursery. We will also post messages and updates, so please continue to check here regularly. Remember that you can post pictures too! We love seeing what the children have been busy doing at home. Please ask if you are unsure of how to do this.

Parent Help

Now that the children are settled in, we are going to start a parent rota where you will be able to book to come and help for a session. You might be asked to read a book to a group of children, play a game or help with an activity or maybe help with the washing up (if you are happy to do so). Please ask Mrs. Cutmore if you are interested.

Reminders

Please do come and chat to us if you have any concerns (no matter how small). You can speak to us at drop off or collection. For a longer appointment, please contact the office to arrange for a telephone or face to face meeting.

To bring everyday: a named water bottle, book bag, a named waterproof coat, named wellies (leave at school) and a bag with a **full change of clothes including socks** (leave at school).

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th January walk to Birchanger Wood (please let Mrs. Cutmore know if you are able to help)

Wednesday 1st February (9am) - **Parents Meeting** an information session about how phonics is taught in nursery and how you can help at home.

Thursday 9th February (8:40) -Come and visit nursery and share a book with your child

Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March -parents meeting (1:1 meetings with Mrs. Cutmore to find out how your child is getting on)

Thursday 23rd March - balance bike session for EYFS

Thank you for all your continued support. If you think you might be able to contribute to any of our topics in any way, please do let one of us know.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cutmore and Miss D