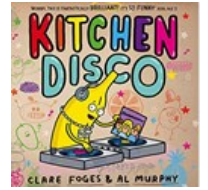
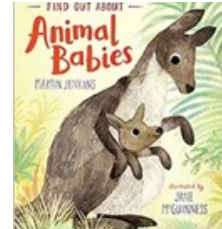
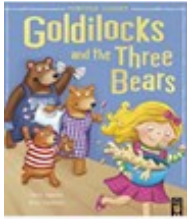


# Acorns Nursery Newsletter

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 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 and visit the life bus.

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 (dates to follow).

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. The children are enjoying choosing a new book to take home each day. If you have not had chance to read the book or the children 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 planning to host a few book sharing sessions at nursery. These will be for parents to come in, have a look around the classroom 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.

## Snacks

Thank you for the contributions towards extra snack for the children. With the money donated, the children have been able to try many different foods including watermelon, oatcakes, yoghurts, vegetable crisps, strawberries and they have been able to practise skills such as buttering bread, chopping fruit and mixing ingredients when cooking. If you are able to donate anything this term, it will be appreciated. The little plastic tub will be by the door. It is not monitored so please only put money in if you are able to.

## 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).

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, Miss D and Mrs Coban