



Kirklevington Primary School
Acorn Newsletter Autumn Term 2022

Welcome to Acorn Class! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the warm weather with your families. In this letter, you will find information about what we will be covering during the Autumn Term and some useful information for the school year.

Our topics for this term are:
'Big Wide World' and 'Marvellous Machines'



Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term, our topic is 'Big wide world'. The project teaches children about the global community to which they belong and explores how living things, communities and climates differ around the world. This will also include the 'splash' project which is all about water, including floating and sinking, freezing and melting, and why it is important for living things to stay hydrated. Every week we will read stories relating to the topic which will help children to solidify their learning through play. Some of these stories include All are welcome, Rumble in the Jungle, All Around the World and The crocodile who didn't like water.

Next half term, we will start our 'Marvellous machines' topic which will be based on technology that is part of our everyday lives and how machines help us. The children will be given opportunities to develop this by building and creating their own marvellous machines. Books this half term include, Violet the Pilot, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Room on the Broom and You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Digger.

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Phonics

In our phonics sessions the children will be thinking about body and voice sounds. We will be encouraging them to listen and identify different sounds. You could help by asking your child to make sounds using different parts of their body - clapping, stamping, tapping etc. You could also encourage them to make different sounds with their voices - loud, quiet, fast, slow, happy, angry etc.

We are also beginning to introduce the 'Little Wandle' phonics cards to allow the children to familiarise themselves with the scheme. Helping them to recognise letter sounds (phonemes), this will support them on their learning journey into reception and beyond. To complement this we will be using the 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' programme as well as 'Dough Disco' to strengthen the muscles needed for letter formation and writing.

Although we read with your children at school, they may bring home a sharing book for you to snuggle up with and enjoy together, which they will not be able to read on their own. Encouraging our child to read along with you or make up a story based on the pictures they can see will build confidence and a love of reading. Shared reading books will be chosen by your child and given out each Friday along with a reading record for parents to leave a comment.

Mathematics

In our numeracy sessions we will be introducing the children to 'Ten Town'. A town where all the characters are numbers, everything about a Ten Town character relates to their number, so Fiona Five, a Paralympic athlete, eats five portions of fruit and vegetables every day, and Sir Seven, a knight, looks after seven horses. Children are often very good at counting aloud in numerical order to 10 and beyond, however for children to have a good understanding of number they understand the real value of each number and form the numbers correctly. We will concentrate on numbers 1-3 exploring subitising, comparing, recognising and matching numerals. We will also talk about our daily routine, ordering key events within the day/night, days of the week and months of the year.

Physical Development

Nursery's PE session will take place on a Friday morning, in our school hall. Your child will not be required to change in school, we just request that appropriate footwear such as trainers is worn.

Your child will receive milk and a piece of fruit each day. Please could you make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle every day. It is also a good idea to send some spare clothes (such as a pair of socks, pants, trousers and a t-shirt) in case your child has an accident, or gets wet or muddy in our outdoor area.

With the recent sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we will take time to reflect upon her life and share images and thoughts with Willow class. This will of course be handled in a sensitive manner, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

We hope you find this information useful and if there are any further questions please don't hesitate to speak to us at the classroom door during drop off or collection times or for more confidential matters via telephone using the school office.

Lastly, could we remind you about our voluntary contribution of **50p per week**. This contribution helps us provide the little extras that a new topic brings.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Birtwistle

Mrs Begley