



Kirklevington Primary School  
**Acorn Newsletter Autumn Term 2024**

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

The staff in nursery use Tapestry regularly to send home important messages, pictures and information about your child. You should now have received a link to activate your account. If you have any issues activating your account, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our topics for this term are:

**Term 1a - 'Let's Explore,' 'Build It Up' and 'Exploring Autumn'**



**Term 1b - 'Marvellous Machines' and 'Puppets and Pop Ups'**



### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This half term, we will be reading lots of lovely stories relating to our topics. We will be learning all about our own bodies, emotions and how to stay healthy. We will also be learning about families and would love it if you could send in or upload a picture of your child as a baby and a family photo to Tapestry. We will use these for our discussions and when we are doing our work.

The children will be exploring their nursery environment and learning about the community and local areas they belong to.

Running alongside our main topic will be the 'Exploring Autumn' project. The children will be looking at our different seasons and the changes that take place during Autumn. We will be going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds and completing lots of lovely art and science activities.

### **Phonics**

In our phonics sessions we will be following the Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Scheme, working within phase 1 phonics. During this phonics phase, the children will be listening to and identifying sounds around us, learning new nursery rhymes and identifying initial sounds in words. We also will be using our bodies to make 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 will start 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 'Funky Fingers activities' to strengthen the muscles needed for letter formation and writing.

Although we read with your children at school, they will bring a sharing book for you to snuggle up with and enjoy together at home. They will not be able to read this on their own. Encouraging your child to read along with you or make up a story based on the pictures, will build confidence and a love of reading. Shared reading books will be chosen by your child and given out each Thursday along with a reading record for parents to leave a comment. Please bring all books and reading records back to school on a Thursday for the children to pick a new book.

### **Mathematics**

In our numeracy sessions we will be learning about, colour, sorting and matching and 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 need to understand the real value of each number and form the numbers correctly. We will concentrate on numbers 1-3 to start with, 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**, in our school hall. In addition to this session for the first half term, we will also be taking part in Yoga sessions on a **Monday**. Your child will not be required to change in school, we just request that appropriate footwear such as trainers are worn and they wear comfortable trousers such as leggings/joggers.

## **Snack and Water Bottles**

Milk and a piece of fruit will be provided, for those who want it, every day. Please could you make sure your child comes to school with a labelled water bottle every day too as they often get thirsty after running around outside. Please ensure that only water is sent in their water bottles and not juice, in accordance with school policy.

It is a good idea to send some spare clothes (such as a pair of socks, pants, trousers/dress or skirt and a t-shirt) in case your child has an accident, or gets wet or muddy in our outdoor area.

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, we would like to remind you about our voluntary contribution of **50p per week**. This contribution helps us provide the exciting little extras that make our learning extra special and can be paid through our Arbor app.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Ridley  
Miss Rigby