



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Summer Term 2

Go Green!



Friday 6th June

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you have had a restful half term!

Topic:

The topic this term is called 'Go Green!' and we will be learning about ways in which we can look after our world. Our topic will be led by a selection of books, including 'Litter Bug Doug', 'Clean Up' and 'Greta and the Giants', as well as the animations, 'A Whale's Tale' and 'There's an Orangutan in my bedroom'. At the end of the topic, we will ask the children to reflect on their learning and to produce their own book entitled, 'Three things I can do to help my world', based upon the text 'Ten Things I can do to help my World' by Melanie Walsh.

Reading, phonics and spellings

We will continue our Little Wandle for Letters and Sounds phonics journey and read with the children in school, three times a week. The book they read is closely matched to their secure phonic knowledge. They will then bring that book home at the end of the week to share with families. We ask that you read this book at home every day with your child. This is very important in enabling the children to develop confidence and fluency in their reading. There is a very definite correlation between the number of times the children read at home and their progress in reading. Please remember to log your child's reading in their reading record when they read to you.

We also ask that you read through the grapheme grids daily as well, please, particularly if your child has Phase 3 graphemes they are unsure of. It is our aim for the children to confidently know all Phase 3 graphemes before they go into Year 1 as, once there, they will move onto a new phase of phonics which has more graphemes to learn.

We have also now introduced all of the Early Years Tricky Words and ask that you continue to practise these daily with your children. If there are any words they are particularly struggling with, games such as Pairs and Snap can be fun ways to consolidate these.

If your child has them, please continue to practise spellings at home. Some children will be able to learn the spellings in one week and some children will need longer. Once your child confidently knows all of the spellings, please write, 'new words please' in the spelling book and we will issue them with a new set of words. This will happen on a Wednesday.

Maths Home Learning

This term some children will continue to bring home a Maths game to play and other children will bring home a 'Nippy Numbers' book. Stuck into this book will be some number facts we would like you to help your child orally learn. Please do not write anything in the book. The book is a means of communication between school and home so you know how your child is getting on in their weekly 'test.' You do not need to write anything down and can complete this home learning completely orally. Matching games are also an effective way of helping children to remember the facts. The aim is for your child to know the facts without needing to use their fingers to work them out. Please ensure the book is in your child's book bag on a Wednesday, as this will be the day, we will undertake the 'test.' Each child will be encouraged to answer as many number fact questions as they can in one

minute. Your child will be moved onto the next stage in our number bond system if they score 10/10 for two weeks or 9/10 for three weeks.

Trainers

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing trainers every day. Weather dependent, we run the Golden Mail daily and, for safety reasons, it is very important that the children are wearing supportive footwear for this activity.

Forest School

We are very excited to share that this term Acorn Class will be participating in a series of Forest School sessions on **Tuesday** afternoons. During these sessions, the children will learn how to use tools in order to whittle and cut, tie knots to secure ropes and string, make shelters and adventure playground equipment whilst developing teamwork skills of co-operation and communication. Sessions will start on Tuesday 10th June.

It is advised that children wear old, weather appropriate clothing as they can get muddy. Children will need to bring clothing and suitable footwear e.g. wellies, with them on Tuesday mornings in a named bag. Please ensure everything is labelled as lost items tend to find their way back more quickly than those without a name!

Sunny Weather (let's hope)

With the summer sunshine creeping its way back, this is a reminder to ensure that your child has sun cream, a hat and a water bottle daily. The British weather can turn very quickly and we want to ensure your children are safe out in the sun. These items need to be clearly named and put in book bags. Sun cream cannot be shared between children. We can supervise children in applying sun cream but are unable to apply it for them. Some families prefer to apply all day sun cream before they come to school for added protection.

Value: Truthfulness

Truthfulness is

Trustworthy words and actions

Respect for doing the right thing

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts.



Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The Acorn Class Team