



Welcome to Acorn Class.

The adults working in Acorn class this year are:

Mrs Simmons (Class Teacher)

Mrs Mosley (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Lenton (Mornings)

Mrs Butler (PPA cover on a Friday afternoon)

We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. We have had a great first few days and the children have begun to settle really well. The first few weeks of term will be a settling in period for the class where we will be supporting the children in learning the routines of the day and layout of the classroom. We will also spend time observing the children to help us plan for their needs and interests.

This half term we will be learning about Autumn, Ourselves and our family, Harvest Festival and following children's interests. There is a copy of what we will be learning on the class page.

Reading:

- Next week we will allow the children to choose a new book to bring home to share with you. When they are ready we will start to send home reading books. At first your child might bring home a book with no words. These are to help your child to tell a story.
- Books will be changed weekly depending on team colour. When the books come back from home they will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- We will be using Tapestry as an online reading diary this year.

- Don't worry we will keep a record of books that the children have read at school.
- It is really important to read with your child for about 10 minutes each day.
- When your child moves onto reading books it is important that they read them more than once over the week as this helps to consolidate their learning from school and increase fluency and confidence.

Book Changing Days:

Monday- Red

Tuesday- Green

Wednesday- Yellow

Thursday- Blue

Phonics:

- From Monday 20th of September we are going to begin to learn some sounds from Phase 2. We will aim to learn 4 sounds each week and consolidate on a Friday.
- We will send home a book with the new sound in and a short activity to practice. Please can you make sure that this is in your child's book bag so that we can add in the new sounds. This book can then be used to practice the sounds with your child.

Tapestry:

- Your child's journey through Reception involves team work. Please send observations of things that your child gets up to it is lovely to see and can help to inform their profile.

Please can you make sure that drinks bottles do not go into book bags as they always leak.

Please can you make sure your child has a coat in school every day as we are outside whatever the weather.

If you have any questions or worries please feel free to come and talk to me, drop me an email or message me on Tapestry.

Many thanks

Mrs Simmons