

Acorn Newsletter Summer Term 2026

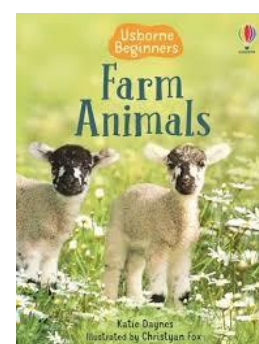
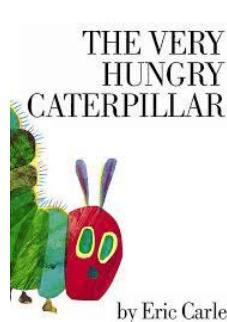
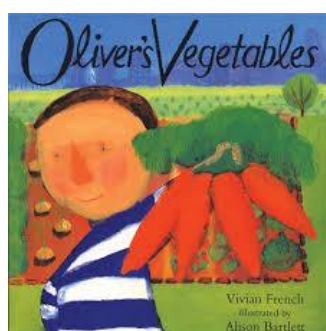
Welcome to Acorn Class! We hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break.

In this letter, you will find information about what we will be covering during the Summer Term and some useful information for the rest of the school year.

The staff in nursery also use Tapestry to send important messages and information about your child, so please remember check your Tapestry accounts regularly for any updates. If you have any issues with your account, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our topics for this term are:

'Sunshine and Sunflowers' and 'Big Wide World'



Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term, our topic is 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'. During this topic we will be learning all about Springtime, growing plants and animal lifecycles. We will be looking at and discussing lots of fiction and non-fiction books related to springtime, gardens, flowers, vegetables animals and minibeasts.

We will be going on spring walks around the school grounds and completing lots of art and science activities. The children will also be given the opportunity to grow some of their own plants and vegetables.

Next half term our topic will be 'Big Wide World'. The children will be learning all about our planet and the different countries. They will learn about the different people, animals and plants that live there. We will be looking at journeys and transport too.

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 thinking about body and voice sounds. We will be encouraging them to listen and identify different sounds.



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We are also introducing 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 'Funky Fingers activities' 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 Thursday along with a reading record for parents to leave a comment.

Mathematics

In our numeracy sessions we will be continuing to concentrate on numbers 1-10, exploring subitising, comparing, recognising and matching numerals, we do this using '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 also talk about our daily routine, ordering key events within the day/night, days of the week and months of the year.

As well as looking at numbers, the children will be learning about sequencing, positional language, shape and measures.

Physical Development

Nursery's PE session will take place on a Thursday 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.

The children will be taking part in Forest school this term on a Tuesday morning so will need to come to school wearing their school shoes with a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag. On these days the children may come home muddier than usual.

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.

Whole-School Reminders

Only permitted parents/carers are allowed to use the school staff car park, with prior agreement of Mrs Peacock. This rule applies to Breakfast Club drop-off too. With the limited space, staff are finding it increasingly difficult to park their cars on a morning and, therefore, parents/carers using Breakfast Club should park responsibly on Forest Lane and walk their child/children to the Hall entrance safely on the footpath. Thank you to all those parents/carers who adhere to this school rule already.



Children should walk with their scooters or bikes around the school site (once inside the green gates and fencing) to ensure the safety of the whole school community. Thank you!

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. This can be found in Arbor in the School Shop.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ridley and Miss Rigby



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