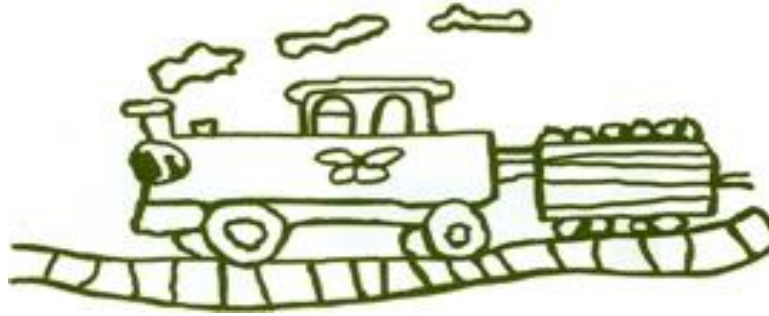


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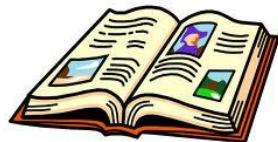


First School

Autumn 2 2019

Welcome to this half terms Topic
Information letter for Oak &
Acorn Classes

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Mrs Herron, Mrs Henderson and
Miss Gray**



Stories and Christmas

Communication & Language

We will be reading lots of stories related to the topic, encouraging the children to tell us their favourites and join in with parts of stories. In the Unit the Role Play Area will be a kitchen/living room. We will be encouraging the children to develop their vocabulary by using language from favourite stories we have shared in our story times and to use the role-play area to communicate freely with their peers. In the small world area, the children will be encouraged to re-tell the stories we have been learning, using props.

Additionally, we will be providing the children with opportunities to contribute to conversations and discussions and encourage them to listen to others.

'Talk for writing'

Physical Development

The children will be accessing snack as a social activity during the course of the morning. We will be encouraging them to try a variety of fruit and vegetables and encouraging them to talk about their likes/dislikes. The children will also be building towers with blocks of differing sizes, trying hard to balance precisely.

In P.E. lessons, the children will be taking part in weekly 'Little Movers' sessions.

The children will have access to the outdoors where they will be able to use bikes and scooters, draw on the ground with chalk and use water and paintbrushes to make patterns.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term, we will be working hard to embed the learnt routines within the unit and classrooms. We want the children to develop strong relationships with the adults they are working with and their peers so they feel confident in their environment. The adults will be working alongside the children to model how to play in areas appropriately. Linked to our topic work, we will develop the children's use of the role-play area to re-tell stories.



Literacy

The children will have the opportunity to listen to lots of stories and we will encourage them to talk about their favourite stories. We will be working towards the children developing their concentration and attention when stories are being read to them. Within the unit, there will be lots of writing opportunities and the children will be encouraged to make marks and give meanings to marks which they draw and paint.



Numeracy

The adults will be working alongside the children as they access areas to develop their counting skills and number recognition. We will also be recognising and naming shapes, making patterns with shapes and arrangements with objects. We will be playing games and completing activities where the children are using positional language such as behind, in front of, under etc. Mastery Maths is being implemented across early years.



Understanding of the World

The children will be using the knowledge of people and communities to imitate behaviour they have seen. We will also be playing with the small world toys and construction, joining pieces together and building models. The children will have access to IPADs.



Expressive Arts and Design

In our topic work we will be singing songs, playing instruments and encouraging the children to move to music. We will encourage the children to develop their imagination through stories and use their ideas to paint and build models.



Helping at Home

Enjoy reading your child a variety of stories. Talk about what is happening in the story and look at the pictures. Talk about the characters in the story and what type of people they are. Describe the clothes the characters are wearing - are they similar or different to the clothes they wear. Would they like to dress like the characters in the books?

Sing Nursery Rhymes with your child - in the car, in the bath, walking to school etc. Try to sing a wide variety so the children have a good repertoire. Sing number rhymes like '5 Little Ducks...' and practise counting objects and recognising numbers when you are out and about - look for numbers on doors etc.

To enable your child to come to school feeling ready to learn, encourage them to have a good bedtime routine

Thanks for your help and support.

Home Time

If you need to change the usual arrangements for picking up your child from school, please let school know as soon as possible. As you will understand we cannot allow children to leave the school premises unless we have permission from parents or carers.

Reminders

Please remember your £5 contribution is gratefully received and it helps us to top up consumables as well as save for bigger equipment like jigsaws and construction equipment.

PE for Oak class is on a Thursday. Please remember to send your child into school in their PE clothes. Acorns PE session is on a Wednesday but will just be taking off their socks and shoes.

Please ensure your child has some wellies in school to access the outdoor area in all weather.