



Nursery Newsletter



News

Welcome to our first Acorns Newsletter. In the first few weeks, Nursery children have been a joy to have. They are settling in really well and are enjoying our 'All about me' topic.

Please can we remind parents/carers about a few things. Always ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat over the next few months as we go outdoors in all weather. Please bring extra clothing for your child and leave on their pegs if you haven't already done so.

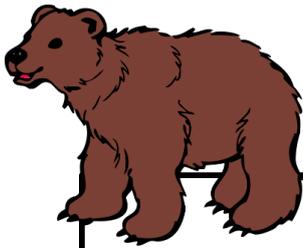
We would like to remind you about your children's Art Folders that are in a large blue box in the Nursery entrance. Each folder will contain your child's learning, please take their learning out of this folder and take it home to share with your child on a regular basis.

Acorns have really enjoyed sharing photos of people and events that are important to them. We will continue to add to our 'Acorns are us' display (above coat pegs) as more photos come in. A big thank you to everyone that has contributed towards Acorns supplies so far. A money pig lives on a shelf above Miss Hussein's chair. A regular contribution will help towards the many activities your child takes part in, such as playdough and cooking opportunities. Also, our nursery children will appreciate unused dressing up items for their role play area. This term, we could use more hats and scarves in our role play area.

As we begin our Autumn 1 topic next week 'Can we explore it' we would like our children to start collecting and bring in autumn items such as leaves, conkers, pinecones, sticks and stones.

It is so important for our children to have a love for reading. Over the next few months your children will be learning to say what they can see on the front cover, discuss story events using pictures, answer simple questions, hold books the correct way up, turn pages one at a time, learn to recognise letters and say their sounds. From Monday the 25th of September Acorn children will be able to choose a reading book every morning, please help them with this before coming into the nursery. Our reading books can be found opposite our Nursery door entrance, please look after them and return to swap for another. All children will receive a reading record card for you to log when your child reads at home, these can be our books or ones from home. Once your child completes a whole reading record card they will receive a reading certificate. If they complete 5 of these cards, they will receive a special reading certificate and a prize during our class assemblies.

Finally, we will be taking part in a MacMillan coffee event on Wednesday the 4th of October from 9am till 10am in the main school hall. Please come into Nursery as normal so we can register the children. Parents are to bring in cakes to be sold at the event to raise money for the charity. Thank you in advance, Miss Hussein and the Nursery team.



'Can we explore it?'



Learning

To help settle our children we have been focusing on our 'All about me' topic. As you know, children have been bringing in photos of themselves and people who are important to them to share with other children. We have enjoyed hearing all about our children's families and friends as well as their favourite hobbies. We hope that your children have enjoyed their first few weeks in our nursery.

For the remaining weeks of our Autumn 1 term we will begin our new topic 'Can we explore it?' We look forward to going on adventures around the school, including our 'WOW' experience in Nature's Corner. Children will be exploring the world around them, from the smallest holes and hiding places, to great adventures in far away places. We will be making plans, drawing maps and creating our own hiding places.

Throughout the year, all topic activities are linked to all areas of learning as well as the characteristics of learning shown in the table below to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum for the children.

Areas of Learning and Development

Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development 	Physical Development 	Communication and Language 	
Specific Areas			
Literacy 	Mathematics 	Understanding the world 	Expressive Arts and Design 

We encourage children to become independent learners who want to explore and find out. Who enjoy achieving what they have set out to do and come up with their own ideas, choosing ways of doing things and finding new ways.

Things you could do at home...

Can you make a model of a cave?

Can you draw a map? What will you hide in your treasure box?

Go on an adventure, what can you see? Can you collect things along the way?

Talk about the different sizes and position of things.

Create stories about bears and caves.

Pack an adventure bag, what would you put in it? Can you bring it to school to share with your class?