



The Children's NEWS



20th September 2021

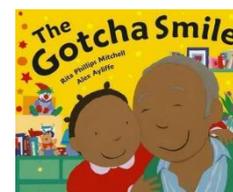
A huge, warm welcome to Acorn Class. Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of the children and how well they settled in their first week at Nursery. They have come to class each day with big smiles and any children who have become a little upset as their carer has left have been happy and smiling very quickly. The children have loved exploring and finding out about all the areas that we have in Acorn Class both inside and outside. The children are learning so much, getting to know the rules and expectations of Acorn Class such as:

- Learning how we sit with school legs
- Knowing what to do when they hear the bells (we will practise a fire drill this week)
- Remembering what to do before and after they have their snack
- Learning the lunchtime routines

Ask your child to show you or tell you about these rules and routines.

Thank you too, to all our parents and carers for helping the children to settle in so well.

This week, we will be looking at the children's home books with them and are looking forward to hearing your children tell us all about their families and what is special to them. **If you haven't managed to hand your child's home book in yet, then please get them back to us as soon as possible.** Last week, we read the book 'The Gottcha Smile' and all the children drew a self-portrait making sure they included their big smiles! We were really impressed with the children's drawings and most children were able to select the correct colour for their hair and eyes and include all the parts of their face. These will make lovely display over in the main school where we get to showcase some of the work the children in Acorn produce.



Letters and Sounds

We have also introduced daily Phonics sessions and this begins with developing the children's listening skills. In particular, we have been listening to and identifying environmental sounds. We started by talking about how to be a good listener – sitting still and quietly, looking at the person speaking, listening to the person speaking and letting them finish before saying what you want to say. The children went on a sound hunt, listening to all the sounds they could hear in different areas of the school. They heard children talking, an aeroplane, leaves crunching, the trees rustling and the wind. **Why don't you and your child go on a sound hunt around your home to see what sounds can be heard?** Next week, we will play a Sound Lotto game. **Ask your child if they can remember some of the sounds from the game.**

Diary Dates:

VIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS - Monday 11th October and Wednesday 13th October. More information to follow

HALF TERM – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

INSET DAY – Monday 1st November (School closed)

END OF TERM – Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM COMMENCES – Wednesday 5th January

Tapestry

It has been lovely to read some of the observations you have shared on Tapestry of the things your children have been doing at home. Please continue to keep adding observations of any new learning your child has shown, any 'wow' moments, special trips or occasions. It could be that they have created something, mastered a new skill, used a knife and fork correctly, cared for a pet, been kind and caring towards a sibling – anything that has made you, and them, feel proud. If you are having any issues with Tapestry, please do contact me via the school email address.

Show and Tell:

Please post a picture of your child's object on Tapestry and we will share them together. Please don't feel that you have to do this every week – just if there is a special item your child wishes to share. Show and Tell is great for developing confidence in communication and language.

Acorn A:

27th Sept – Autumn things

4th Oct – Special to me

11th Oct – Special teddy/ soft toy

18th Oct - Favourite book

Acorn B:

30th Sept – Autumn things

7th Oct – Special to me

14th Oct – Special teddy/ soft toy

18th Oct - Favourite book

Important Reminders:

- Please dress your child in comfortable clothes that make it easy for them to get to the loo on time. They will get wet and dirty when playing (see photo below), so please do send in many changes. Please also send them in raincoats and wellies on wet days as we do try to get outside. Please do send a change of shoes if sending your child in in wellies.
- Please inform the office of **any** change to pick up arrangements, even if it's a different parent or a grandparent picking up, this just saves confusion at the end of the day.
- Please provide wipes and nappy bags (to put wet clothes in) if your child is prone to accidents.
- If coming in to the setting, please ensure all gates are closed at all times.
- Please send back your child's All About Me book if you haven't done so already.

