

Little Acorns

Spring term 2021-22

Communication, language and literacy

Our texts this half term include Burglar Bill by Alan Ahlberg and Supertato by Sue Hendra, both of which compliment our People Who Help Us and Superheroes topics beautifully. We will also supplement these with non-fiction texts from The People Who Help Us series. Our speaking and listening skills will be developed when we welcome some interesting visitors into class. We hope to have police officer and a dentist visiting to tell us about the important work they do helping us all. We will be thinking of lots of interesting questions to ask them and practising asking them clearly before we meet our visitors.

We are delighted to be starting to use our brand new phonics scheme (Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised) this term. There is an exciting new set of resources to use and there will be tweaks to our reading at home system to let you know about too. Please bear with us as we transition from our old system to the new one as there may be a few glitches as we do. Watch out for more information in the next few weeks. The children will recap phase 2 and then start on phase 3 which includes lots of new digraphs and trigraphs to extend their reading and spelling skills.

Physical development

In our weekly PE lessons we will be learning about how to make different shapes using both small and large apparatus then thinking about how to travel to, around, through and over it.

We will also continue to use the running track and our bikes and scooters as much as possible as well as handling large scale construction equipment to help develop our gross motor skills.

Our fine motor skills will be developed with regular activities to help us with pencil control and handwriting.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school every day. We will send all kit home at half-term to be washed unless this needs to happen earlier.

Mathematics

We will be looking at the composition of numbers 5-8 and learning to recognise, compare and partition them into 2 or 3 groups before recombining them in early addition skills. We will also be looking at capacity, mass, length, height and time so there is lots to do!

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be talking about what makes a good helper and looking at stories which show different ways of helping and caring for others. We will also be looking at ways of helping in different places such as at home and school as well as helping people we don't know in other parts of the world.

Understanding the world

Our topic of People Who Help Us will help us to think about all of the things which people in our community do to help us. These will include emergency workers like firefighters and ambulance staff plus other roles like dentists and vets.

We will also find out about Chinese New Year and some of the traditions involved plus look at seasonal changes as we explore winter weather.

Expressive arts and design

We will be designing and making our own emergency vehicles to help our emergency workers or superheroes get to where they are needed. We will also be continuing to learn a range of traditional rhymes and songs as well as listening to music which represents different moods and feelings.

Reminder



Please name all clothing that the children bring into school including coats, shoes and PE kits. Things do go missing, especially at PE time, after accidents and at lunchtimes when the children take their outdoor gear over to the hall, and it is much easier to reunite owner and belongings if there is a name in them! Please check to see if names on labels have faded in the wash too as we try really hard to decipher them but aren't always successful! We will keep an eye on wellies, pumps etc to make sure they still fit ok as we all know that children have growth spurts which may result in the footwear they keep in school suddenly becoming very uncomfortable!

Please send in this half term's snack money so that we can continue to provide a range of snacks beyond the government provided fruit and veg. Please send this in a named envelope to staff in Little Acorns and not added on to any bank payments you may make to the office.

And finally....



What a lovely return to school we had after the Christmas break! It did feel like quite a long break (which we all definitely needed!) and it can be tricky returning to school after a break like this. All of the children returned with a big smile and great enthusiasm which was delightful to see! Thank you for all your support in helping your children continue to be happy and to thrive in Little Acorns, they are all a credit to their families.

If you have any questions, queries, concerns or wish to share any information with me then please get in touch via the office: office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk or via my email address: j.kenny@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk