

Little Acorns



Spring term 2 2022-23



Communication, language and literacy

We will be reading some lovely texts such as “Oliver’s Vegetables” which will help us to make predictions about stories and sequence events in the correct order. We will also be looking at sequencing and orally using the past tense correctly as we read stories about growing up like “Once There Were Giants” and “The Growing Story”.

In phonics we will consolidate phase 3 and practice using our phase 2 and 3 GPCs to read longer words. We will continue to apply our phonics knowledge to spelling and use this to help us compose and write simple sentences.

Correct letter formation remains a focus and we will continue to model, support and insist on this in our daily spelling and writing activities.



Mathematics

We will be looking at the representation, composition and order of numbers to 10 as well as early addition skills. We will also continue to explore length, height, time and pattern.



Personal, social and emotional development

It is important to stay healthy and look after ourselves so Little Acorns will be finding out about what they can do to help themselves do this. They will think about healthy eating, being active, personal hygiene (including brushing teeth), getting enough sleep and having a sensible amount of screen time.



Understanding the world

This half-term we will be looking at how we change and how we stay the same as we grow older. We will use photographs of ourselves as a baby, toddler and more recently as a school pupil to create our own timeline. We will also look at how some of our family members have changed too.

As early spring approaches we will become nature detectives and see what clues we can find that the natural world is changing with the season.

Towards the end of the term the children will find out about what Easter means to Christians and why it is celebrated.

Physical development

In our weekly PE lessons we will be exploring how to jump and land safely. We will then practise our balancing skills and see how different parts of our body can be used in static balances. The better weather will mean that we will get on 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.



Expressive arts and design

We will be observing nature carefully as the season changes so we will be working hard to develop our observational drawing skills. We will also use water colour paints for the first time to help us add some spring colour to our drawings.

Listening to different kinds of music is now a daily activity which we like to do while we are having our snack. We think about how the music makes us feel and what movements we can make. Singing is also an important part of our day and this half term we will be learning lots of songs about staying healthy, being active as well as helping us count to 10.



Reminder



We have had a few jumpers and cardigans left in the classroom which have previously been labelled but are now difficult to read due to general washing and wearing. Please check your child's clothing to see if we can still read the labels clearly.

New reading books and updated phonics books are sent home every Friday along with a sharing/library book which your child has chosen from our class collection. Once every half term this book will be selected from the lovely new books we have in the Woodland Room. These books are brand new and have been very kindly donated by our families for everyone in school to share. Please make sure that ALL books (reading and shared) are returned every Friday so that other children can enjoy them too. We understand that sometimes things go missing or you are busy and forget but unfortunately there have been a few occasions where books have repeatedly not been returned and we have had to request that a payment be made to replace the missing book. We only do this because reading is such a high priority to us that we want all of our children to have access to the high quality reading books and reading for pleasure stock we have invested in. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please send in this half term's snack money (£6.00) so that we can continue to provide a range of snacks (including pancakes and Easter treats this term!) 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. Thank you.

And finally....



We are already half way through the children's first year of school – where has the time gone?! Everyone has changed and developed so much in the time they have been with us and they have all made huge progress in all areas. We are so very proud of them and know that you must be too. Thank you for your continued support, this goes a long way to helping your child have a happy and successful time in school.

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