



Little Acorns

Summer term 2 2023-24



Communication, language and literacy



We have some lovely stories at the heart of the theme “On the Move” including Mr Gumpy’s Outing, You Can’t Take an Elephant on a Bus and Emma James Aeroplane. We will use these to map out stories and to write simple sentences using the phonics we know. In phonics we will continue to work on phase 4 but will also be consolidating everything we have covered in phase 2 and phase 3.

Mathematics



For this final half term we will continue to consolidate the maths skills of counting, subtracting, ordering, comparing and knowing the composition of numbers to 10. We will also be looking at addition, subtraction, doubles, sharing and odds and evens.

Personal, social and emotional development



We will be reflecting on our achievements over the year and talk about how we feel about moving on to Saplings class and the changes ahead. We will think of examples of how we have always tried to follow our school’s 5 “branch out” rules and share our experiences of working and playing together.

Physical development

Our weekly PE lessons will be based outside and we will be learning lots of new athletics skills such as throwing javelins, sprinting, jumping over hurdles and doing obstacle courses. We will practise some events ready to participate in our whole school sports day. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school every day.



Understanding the world



In our “On the move” topic we will be exploring journeys (real and fantasy) including under and over the sea, different kinds of transport and will look at and make maps. We will also look at caring for the environment, including our seas and oceans.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using our observational skills to look at nature all around us then develop our sketching skills as we learn to draw the beautiful and interesting natural objects we see. We will also introduce the children to using fine paint brushes and water colour paints for adding detail.



Reminder

Suncream, hats and waterbottles are essential this half term! Hopefully we will get some lovely spells of warm, sunny weather which means lots of outdoor learning, yay! However this does bring challenges which we all need to be aware of.

Suncream:

Children must be wearing suncream or be completely covered in clothing to be allowed to spend time outdoors in the sun at this time of year. The best option is to get a suncream that gives all day protection and apply this at home before you come to school in the morning. The second best option is to use a suncream that needs topping up during the day which we can supervise at set times during the day (usually just before lunchtime). If you go for this second option please make sure that your child has plenty of sun cream on before they come to school in the morning.

Important: we are **not allowed** to apply sun cream on your child – they must apply it themselves. With this in mind we would really appreciate it if you could practise this at home. We have 20 children in class and have limited time and adults to supervise this. Needless to say that there was a lot of sun cream used and lots of very sticky body parts on some days before half-term!

Children are not allowed to share or borrow sun cream from others. This is partly due to the active ingredients in these products which may cause skin problems but is also for hygiene reasons.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please send in this half term's snack money (£7.00) 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. Thank you.



And finally....

Well, here we are in our final half term together! Time really does fly and our year together is almost done. Our Little Acorns are getting ready to become Saplings and we have lots of things planned which will help this transition go smoothly. If you have any questions about starting Y1 then please don't hesitate to ask, we are all here to help.

We also have lots of family events planned including sports day, race day, Little Acorns Open Afternoon and our end of year assembly. Please see the dates below and keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.

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

Key dates:

Monday 3rd June – Return to school

Friday 7th June – Class Photos

Wednesday 12th June – Trip to Hesketh Farm

Tuesday 25th June – Sports Day (am) – families are welcome to watch.

Friday 28th June - Little Acorns' Race Day (pm) – families are welcome to watch

EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assemblies – Friday 7th June, 21st June

Monday 1st July – Open afternoon (time TBC)

Friday 5th July – Transition Day

Friday 12th July – Reports out

Tuesday 16th (pm) – Little Acorns Open Afternoon – families invited for the final time in to see our Little Acorns in class!

Thursday 18th July (am) – EYFS/KS1 End of Year Assembly

Friday 19th July – break up for summer

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the most up to date diary dates.