



Acorns Class Topic News

Autumn Term 1st half

As the children continue to settle in to the routines of Acorns class, we will begin to start our topic 'Do you want to be friends?' This will help us continue to get to know each child as well as help them make and develop friendships and learn a little more about each other.

To enhance our learning, we would like children to bring things in or have a go at completing some tasks at home each week. The table below outlines what we will be focussing on and how you can help at home. This home learning is not compulsory, but we know that many children love to share what they've learnt at school with their family and would encourage you to try some or all of these activities.

| Focus (please bring in on.) | You can help at home by... | You can bring in... |
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| Monday 10 th September Why are friends important? | Talking about what makes a good friend. | A picture of your friend. It could be a painting, collage, model or photo. Can you say why they are a good friend? |
| Monday 17 th September People who help us (in school) | Talking about what things are fun at school and what things are tricky at the moment. | A picture of you and your buddy or sentence about how your buddy helps you. (ask a grown up to help) |
| Monday 24 th September People who help us (in the community) | Talking about the times when people help us at home or in the wider community (e.g. police, coastguard) | Draw a picture of a time when someone helped you. What did they do? How did they help? Can you talk about it? |
| Monday 1 st October Our local area | Walking around the village and talking about what you see. Is there a park? A church? A post office? | Bring in a picture, photo or map to show where you live. This can be of your home, county or country. We will talk about these in small groups. |
| Tuesday 9 th October Harvest - sharing and caring | Talking about what makes your child special. What do you love about them? | Complete a 'sharing star'; slip to be shared at carpet time during the week. |
| Monday 15 th October Harvest | Talking about what a harvest is and why it is important. | Bring in any fruit or vegetable. We will talk about them in small groups. |



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Focus Observation weeks - We will soon start our focus observation weeks where we choose three children to focus on in more depth. We will observe their learning through play and identify their next steps. Focus children will take home one of our class mascots for the weekend which will then form the basis of a story telling activity in school. More details to follow.

If you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Things can get quite busy in the mornings, so if you do need a chat, after school is usually better, or call the office and they can arrange a meeting with us. Keep an eye on our notice boards in the cloakroom and on the school website where all key information is put as well.

Finally, we would like to say well done to all the children for a truly fantastic start to school. We have really enjoyed their first few days and sharing their 'Who am I' books. What a great start to the term!

Mrs Arthur, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Schofield

Acorns Class Teaching Team