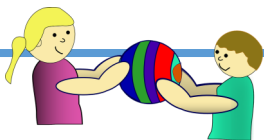


PE



Our PE day are on Mondays and Thursdays so on these days the children can come into school in their PE kit. Please see the school website for information about our PE kit. In our PE sessions we focus on different areas of the curriculum, specific to our children's needs. This half term we will continue to focus on 'Sensory Circuits' where the children will do lots of obstacle courses, gymnastics, organising and calming activities. The children will be engaging in outdoor learning daily so they need to wear sensible flat school shoes every day. They can wear trainers on their PE day. Please note, some children may also be doing PE with their mainstream class on other days.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be learning about the difference between statements and questions. The children have found it tricky to ask questions, so we are going to spend a few weeks focusing on developing their understanding and doing lots of speaking and listening games to support them with this. We will also look at punctuation marks including full stops and question marks and teach the children how to use them in their writing. We will continue to use lots of visuals and prompts to help the children think of their own ideas. We will use the book 'You choose in Space' by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart to encourage the children to think of their own interesting questions and think of their own choices to answer them.

We are continuing to develop our reading and writing skills in our Phonics lessons. The children take part in daily reading activities, either in a group or 1:1 with an adult. We are focusing on supporting the children to decode words, develop sight word recognition and also extend their comprehension skills as they answer questions about the text. The children made excellent progress in their reading last half term!

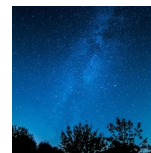
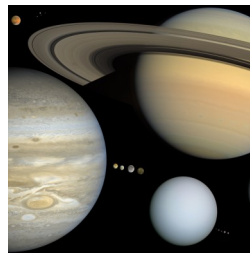
Stay and Play

Please join us for our 'Stay and Play' session on Tuesday 3rd February at 9-9.30am.

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Space



Welcome back everyone! We have another exciting half term planned and we are looking forward to seeing the children continue to build on the excellent progress they are making. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat every day so we can enjoy our outdoor area. If you haven't already, it is helpful if you can please bring a pair of wellies into school for your child. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

The children have been enjoying our short sensory circuits and movement activities which we do two times a day. This is helping prepare them children for their learning and to settle down for lessons more calmly.

We are always available at the beginning and the end of the day if you have any concerns or need to speak to Mrs Harrison or another member of the team. Mrs Harrison's working days are Monday -Thursday. The rest of the team are Mrs Clark, Miss Wilkie and Mrs Doherty. Miss McKenzie supports in the Acorn RP on a Friday morning.

Healthy Snacks

We have fruit and toast available for the children at break time. **We are a healthy school** - if your child wants to bring their own snack, please ensure that they bring just one and ensure that it is a healthy choice. Thank you for your support with this.

Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to continue to use our personalised approach to teaching Maths to enable the children to work at their own pace to make progress and reach their full potential.

Please support your child to learn their early times tables by accessing Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at home. Numbots has some fun games to help your child practice their Maths skills too.

Afternoon Activities

In the afternoons, the children are going to continue to go back to their mainstream classes for some subjects. This is important for their sense of belonging within the school and to enable them to develop their relationships with their peers outside of the Acorn RP. Mrs Harrison will ensure you know which days this will involve your children and pick up arrangements.

In the Acorn RP, we focus on non-core subjects such as Music and Art, as well as developing key skills in the afternoon. This includes social and emotional development, communication skills, motor skills, creativity and much more. This half term the children will be engaging in Design Technology, Computing, Music and Yoga. We are also going to introduce two new interventions to help the children to understand and manage their feelings and emotions.

Reading Books and Homework



All children should now be bringing a reading book home with them. Please try to read with your child for a few minutes every day or share a story with them. **Please return your child's book every Tuesday so it can be changed.**

Please also complete the homework sheets that we send home. The children receive a sticker and house points when it is returned. **Please also remember to access the 'Reading eggs' app at home.**