

## Acorns & Blossoms Newsletter

### Welcome to Acorns & Blossoms

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for another exciting half term in Acorns and Blossoms. We have lots of engaging learning experiences planned and can't wait to share them with you.

This half term, we will continue exploring our topic, 'What Makes Me, Me?' Through a range of practical and sensory activities, we will learn about how we grow and change, our similarities and differences, and what makes each of us unique. Alongside this, we will continue developing our communication, literacy and maths skills, as well as supporting emotional development and self-regulation.

As the seasons change, we will be discovering the wonders of autumn and exploring the world around us. Our sensory story this term, Autumn is Awesome, will help bring the sights, sounds and textures of the season to life. Towards the end of term, we will begin our Christmas celebrations and look forward to welcoming families into school to join us in sharing the fun, learning and festive excitement

### How you can help at home.

Playing with your child is a great way to develop their language and communication skills and build their social skills as they learn how to share and take turns and listen to other people's ideas. Mimic their actions and model language during play.

Look for the sights and sounds of autumn while you are out and about, such as the changing colour of falling leaves. Find some family photos and look at similarities and differences between different members, who has dark hair or light hair, blue or brown eyes.

Please provide your child with pens and paper to practice their mark making. They love to mark make, draw and form shapes and letters. A great way to support their learning is to draw a letter or shape and encourage your children to overwrite the shape or letter you have drawn. We have been practicing this in class.

### Reminders

- Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including hats, gloves and coats.
- Please bring in a spare set of clothes, including socks and underwear daily, in case of accidents or getting wet during water play.
- PE is on Thursday. Please send in a PE kit. This consists of black shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps. Please ensure they are in a bag with each item labelled with their name.
- Reading books will be changed on Monday & Thursday. Please make sure the children bring them back to school with their diary signed.
- Our Class blog is updated weekly. Please check to see what exciting things we have been up to.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear, as the weather begins to cool, as we will be using our outdoor area for learning.
- We politely ask that children do not bring toys from home in to class to save any upset if they get lost or damaged.

### **Stay & Sing – Christmas special 17.12.26 2:00-3:00PM**

**We would like to welcome our parent into class on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December for a Christmas stay and singalong. With Christmas craft activities and a merry singalong to finish. Please come to the school office for 2PM.**

