



Ashton under Hill First School

Acorns Class

Autumn 2018 – Year 1



Welcome back to a new year at school!

We have had a lovely first week back at school and have been very impressed by the way our Year 1 children have stepped into the role of being the older ones in the class, helping the new reception children to settle in and setting a good example for them to follow. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We will start the Autumn term with a theme of 'Ourselves - Getting to know you' and later we will be moving on to a topic based on 'Then and Now' looking back 100 years. As always, the children will be adding their ideas to our planning so that our learning will be directed by their interests. Acorn and Hawthorn Classes will be working closely together throughout the term and, whilst the activities we do will be differentiated according to the wide range of ages and abilities and the children's varying interests, the Year 1 pupils will all be following the same Year 1 curriculum in both classes.

Forest School

Year 1 children : Thursday mornings starting 20th September.

On these days your child should come to school wearing forest school clothes and bringing a bag with normal school uniform to change into on return to school.

Every day we aim to spend some time learning out of doors and for this we would ask that your child always has appropriate outdoor clothes in school (coat, hat, gloves, wellies in winter) whatever the weather.

P.E.

Acorn class will have two lessons of P.E. each week for which your child will need a complete P.E. kit in school.

When the weather gets cold warm jogging bottoms are needed for outdoor P.E..

Healthy Eating

Fruit for morning snack time is provided for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1, however you may send an alternative snack into school if you prefer. As we are a healthy school please do not send in crisps, sweets or chocolates for morning snack time.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day. This will be available for your child to drink from whenever they wish and should only contain water.

Milk

Since all the Year 1 children are now 5, they no longer qualify for free school milk so, if your child wishes to have milk at break time, this needs to be ordered from Mrs Grant in the office.

Helpers

We are always keen to welcome parent helpers in school and, in Key Stage 1 in particular, an extra pair of hands enables us to offer even more exciting opportunities for the children. Please do let us know if you are able and willing to come in and give us a hand either on an occasional basis or more regularly. We will be very pleased to hear from you.

Reading and Homework

Please, please continue to make the time to sit and enjoy reading together with your child regularly at home every day as this really is one of the best ways in which you can support their learning at home. Your child will have a sound keyring with letter sounds to practise and also common tricky words which need to be practised so that they can be quickly recognised when reading. As well as decoding the text, it is important for your child to be able to talk about the stories which they have read or heard and a book mark with ideas to encourage this sort of talk has been attached to the reading record book. It is really helpful if you can make a note in the reading record book every time you listen to your child read.

Your child will also soon start to bring home spellings to practise at home, but more details about these will follow later in the term.

One of the best ways in which you can support maths learning at home is by playing board games and card games together. In this way you can practise basic skills which now need to be mastered including counting forwards and backwards and simple addition and subtraction.

Learning journey books

This year your child will not bring home a learning journey book every weekend although we will be encouraging the children to write their own contributions into a similar book in school on Monday mornings and if your child wishes to bring in pictures or photos to include in this that would be really lovely and much appreciated.

Library

This year school library books will be changed on Monday mornings when all Acorn children will have the opportunity to choose books to borrow from the school library. These books should be returned to school in the clear library book bag ready for changing the following Monday.

On the third Monday of each month children will have the opportunity to visit the County mobile library which stops outside our class room. Children who bring a county library card on this date may and visit the mobile library with a member of staff to choose one or two books to borrow. This really is a fantastic opportunity for your child to explore a wide range of different books so well worth calling into the library in town and setting them up with a keyring card which can live in their book bag so that they are able to use the mobile library when it visits school.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

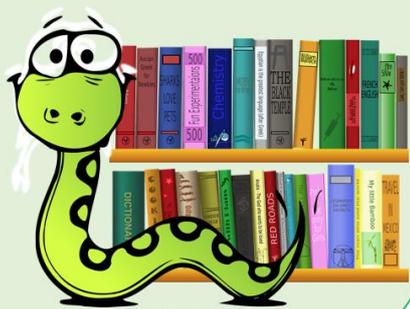
Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Sequence or Summarise



Upcoming dates

- Monday 10th September 2.30pm : Acorn Y1 Parents' information session.
- Thursday 20th September : First Y1 forest school session
- Friday 5th October : Harvest festival
- Tuesday 23rd October : Open classrooms

And Finally ...

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do have a word with one of the staff and we will do our very best to help.

Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Shiels and Mrs Cooke

