

Acorn Park School

Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back - we hope you had a lovely summer break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning over the autumn term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

Our Topic: Let's Celebrate

This term, we will be exploring the world around us — from our local environment to different places and cultures. Learning will focus on building communication, curiosity and independence through practical, engaging activities.

What your child will be learning

English

- Reading The Firework-Maker's Daughter and exploring themes such as courage, perseverance, friendship and success.
- Developing speaking and listening skills through stories and class discussions.
- Writing a range of simple texts, including fact files and descriptive writing.
- Building and using topic-specific vocabulary.

Maths

- Fractions: adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts.
- Money: adding and subtracting amounts of money and calculating change.
- Time: reading analogue clocks, using a.m. and p.m., and solving time-related problems.
- Shape: identifying and comparing angles, measuring and drawing angles accurately, and understanding horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.

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Science

- Learning about forces, including friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity. Investigating how simple machines, such as levers, pulleys and gears, make work easier.
- Exploring space, including the Solar System, planets, the Earth, the Sun and the Moon.
- Carrying out practical investigations and fair tests to develop scientific enquiry skills.

PSHE

- Celebrating Difference: understanding that everyone is unique, learning about inclusion, diversity and kindness, and respecting differences in others.
- Relationships: learning how to help others feel included, understanding how to support themselves and others when feeling upset, and exploring what makes a healthy friendship and positive relationship.

Enrichment opportunities

We will bring learning to life through:

- Local trips (e.g. shops, park) to practise real-world skills
- Outdoor learning and exploration
- Topic-themed days and celebrations
- Simple cooking activities

Supporting learning at home

If you're keen to support your child's learning at home, the best way to do this is to read to or with your child regularly. The children are welcome to borrow books from our library at any point in the year.

Should you wish to do some more with your child at home, please contact the class teacher.

We're here to help

Your child's class teacher is: Gabby

Your child's support staff are: Steph, Barney and Amber

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss anything

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