



Acorn News...

Friday 16th December 2022

Any issues, concerns or things we need to know about, please speak to the Acorn team before or after school or email: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary.....

- 16th December - End of Term 2
- 4th January—Start of Term 3
- 10th February—End of Term 3
- 20th February—Start of Term 4

Home Learning

Please continue reading with your child three times a week over the holidays it will really support them in the future learning, particularly in literacy and phonics but also in other areas too.

We would love to see photos of things you have got up to over the Christmas holidays, please email any photos to acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Remember....

- Welcome Wednesdays—our classroom is open for you to visit and read with your child between 8.30am and 9am
- PE days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Library day is Thursday
- We will change reading books on a Tuesday and a Friday if your child has read their book at least twice.

Well done to the children who read 3 times at home last week!



Reuben

Well done to the winners of our reading competition this term...

Eddie and Evie-Mae

If your child reads at least 3 times in a week they will be entered into a draw to win a prize at the end of term.

We have had a wonderful week with lots of Christmassy activities! We were all very excited to see the snow, and those children who were in school on Monday enjoyed throwing snowballs, making snow angels and attempting to build a snowman! We all enjoyed our Christmas dinner with crackers and Christmas hats! We also had a lovely Christmas party with games and food. The children were very grown up with regards to 'not winning' which was fantastic to see. Well done to Darcey who won two prizes for her fantastic quick reactions in musical bumps! The children have enjoyed making salt dough Christmas tree decorations, writing cards to each other and posting them in our class post box and we had a Christmas colouring competition! We have been completing phonics assessments this week. We looked at the sounds and words learnt so far and how many the children have retained. We also have been reading words, finding sounds on a sound mat and writing sounds. Please do read with your child as much as possible as this will really help with their learning. In maths, we have continued our learning of one more and one less and demonstrated this through reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and noticing one more character joining the chase each time. We also used our 5 frames and number tracks to demonstrate one more and one less using counters. Well done to our 'star of the week', Eren for developing his confidence when using phonics for reading.



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Here are some photos of our learning this week...



We read 'The Nativity Story' and enjoyed retelling it using the small world characters.



Fun in the snow!



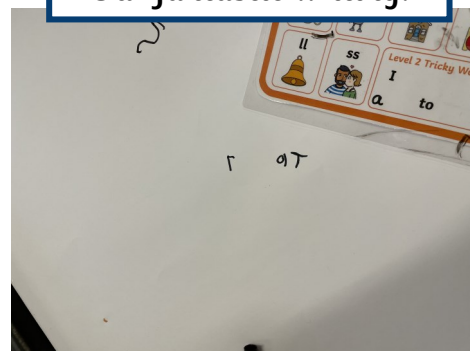
Our Christmas Lunch!



Our fantastic writing!



























Playing pass the parcel!



We would love to see or hear about the learning your child has been doing at home. The children love to share with their friends what they have been doing. Please email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk any photos or comments about what your child has been doing!



Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. We have finished learning all of the 'Level 2' sounds and tricky words. After Christmas we will finish our phonics assessments and recap and consolidate our learning before moving on to 'Level 3'.

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Can your child read these words and think of a sentence using the word?

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