



Acorn News...

Friday 2nd February 2024

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

Remember....

PE days are **Wednesday and Friday**

All children should have a full PE kit in school—this includes tracksuit bottoms/shorts and trainers/plimsols.

We will be sending letters home to children who do not have a full kit in school.

Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Himansh, Kyza, Mary, Ahaan and Zak.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Reuben, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Reuben has shown an improvement in his behaviour this week!



Welcome Wednesdays!

Our classroom is open to parents/carers every Wednesday morning between 8.30am and 9am. Please sign in at the office and come and see what we've been up to!

Getting Dressed!

We have limited time for changing so it really helps everyone if your child can change themselves independently. Please support us in allowing your child to practise getting themselves dressed and undressed for school independently.

Dates for your diary....

- 2nd January — PTFA Disco (3.45-5pm)
(See separate email)
- 9th February — End of Term 3
- 19th February—Start of Term 4

Reading!

Reading books and reading records need to be in school everyday! Well done to those children who read at least 3 times a week at home!

Any child who reads their reading book at least three times in the week will be invited to milkshake and biscuit club with Miss Traviss every Friday!



Library

Library day is Thursday!

The children have the opportunity to take a library book home to share with their parents/carers. If you are unsure which book you have at home please email Miss Traviss.

Head Lice!

We have a big problem with head lice in the school at the moment! Please ensure you are combing your child's hair with a nit comb as often as possible. There is more information on the main school newsletter about the best way to treat them and if you need further support please let us know!



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Our learning this week...

In Phonics, we have recapped the sounds qu (as in queen) and ch (as in chick). We have also learnt the tricky word, we and me. We have been practising reading and writing words with these sounds in. For our tricky word we practised reading sentences and thinking of our own sentences using the word. Some children have been writing sentences using our tricky words! Please remember to practise tricky words at home too!

In Maths, we have been looking at counting, ordinality and cardinality. We have learnt the song 1 2 3 4 5 once I caught a fish alive. We made sure we put one finger up for each number we said until we got to 10. We used flashcards with the numeral on and had to show an equal number of fingers to what was on the flashcard. We learnt that equal means 'the same'. We also counted objects and actions remembering to stop at the number that was on the flashcard. Miss Traviss missed our Tuesday Maths lesson and didn't realise she had to stop counting when she got to the number on the flashcard, we had to teach her how to count!

We have started challenges in our own learning time this week. For each challenge we complete we get a sticker on the chart, if we complete all three challenges we will get a prize from the prize box. This week's challenges were draw your house, build a house and draw a local 'landmark'. We looked at these 'landmarks' to see if the children had been to them before or knew what they were. The 'landmarks' included the Church, the fire station, the cinema, the park, the doctors, the shopping centre and the children's favourite — McDonalds!

We have had two exciting visitors come and see us this week. The company PERFORM sent us a cowboy and a horse with a golden mane to do a drama workshop with us. We also met Phil from Jaws 'n' Claws who brought in some unusual animals for us to see and share some exciting facts about them.



Please email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk to share any learning you have been doing at home! We would love to see what you've been up to!



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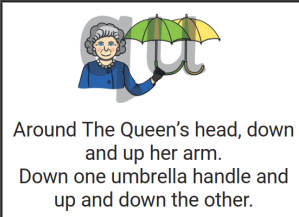
Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. We have started level 3 this week, which is very exciting. The children are already doing brilliantly. These are the sounds and tricky word we have learnt this week. It would be super if you could practice with your child at home.

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Action



Formation



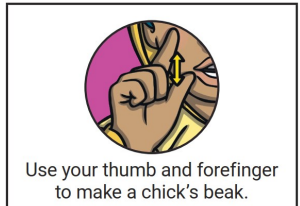
Word List

Can you sound out these words?

quiz	quick
quack	quill
quiff	quaff

ch

Action



Can you write ch?

ch ch ch
ch ch ch

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

chop	chat
chip	check
rich	chap

we

me

Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only changed books if it has been recorded that a child has read it at least twice. It is really helpful to read a book more than once!
- Please practise the sounds and words we have learnt this week at home. Each child has a sound mat in their reading book folder to support them with this.
- Can you find out an interesting fact about your favourite animal? You might have some non-fiction books at home or you could ask a grown up to help you use the internet!