



Acorn News...

Friday 10th November 2023

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

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, this includes their house colour top, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and plimsols/trainers!

Reading Books

These need to be in school everyday! We aim to read with all the children over the course of the week in school and ask you to read with your child three times a week at home. Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday if your child has read their book at least twice.



Dates for your diary....

- w/c 20th November—Parent consultations
- 29th November—Trip to post box and the Amelia
- 30th November—height and weight check
- 4th December—Flu vaccinations
- w/c 11th December—Nativity
- 15th December—Christmas Lunch
- 19th December—End of Term 2
- 3rd January—Inset Day (no children in school)
- 4th January—Start of Term 3

Library

Library day is Thursday!

The children have the opportunity to take a library book home to share with their parents/carers. If they return their book the following week they will be able to choose a new one.

Spare clothes, wellies and waterproofs

These need to be in school everyday. We go outside in all weathers so children may get wet and muddy during their play! We do not have enough spares in school for every child!



Welcome Wednesdays!

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



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Our learning this week...

In Phonics we have learnt the sounds g (as in girl), o (as in orange) and c (as in caterpillar). We have been practising to blend words when they are orally segmented and have been writing and reading cvc words too!

In Maths we have been developing our counting skills. We have learnt the song '1 2 3 4 5 once I caught a fish alive' and making sure we hold the correct number of fingers up for each number. We have also been helping Freddie Frog with his counting as he keeps getting it a little bit wrong! We have told him that when he gets to the last object the number name he says is how many he has altogether, we have also helped him to lined up objects to make them easier to count so we don't count the same thing twice!

In drawing club, our book this week was 'Pip and Custard Fireworks'. We have been learning new vocabulary—illuminate, gathering, thunderous, resplendent. We then drew pictures of Custard the dog, the fireworks and thought of ways to help Custard feel happier about the fireworks.

In RE, we have learnt that the word 'God' is very precious to Christians and that we should use his name with care. Miss Traviss bought in her very special pearls and we thought about ways to handle them with care.



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!



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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. Here is some information about the sounds and words we have learnt this week that may support your child's learning at home.

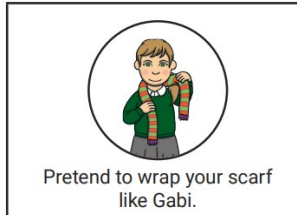
Gg

Formation



Around Gabi's head and wrap her scarf.

Action



Pretend to wrap your scarf like Gabi.

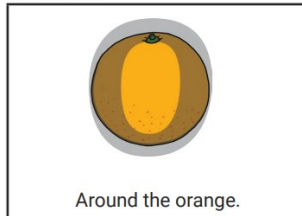
Word List

Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

tag	gig
gap	sag
gas	pig

Oo

Formation



Around the orange.

Action



Pretend to squeeze a juicy orange.

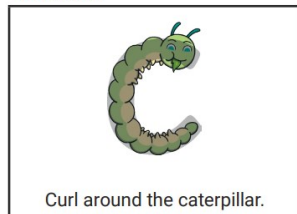
Word List

Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

on	top
not	dog
got	pop

Cc

Formation



Curl around the caterpillar.

Action



Wiggle your finger like a caterpillar.

Word List

Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

can	cat
cap	cod
cot	cop

Home Learning

We have learnt the following letter sounds so far—s a t p i n m d g o c

What can your child find around the house that begin with these sounds? Remember we are listening for the letter sounds so for 'a' you could have apple but not acorn.

When you are out and about can you practise using your 'counting wand' like Freddie Frog to count things that we cannot move!

Can you visit a Remembrance Day parade this weekend? We will be learning more about poppies next week!