



Acorn News...

Friday 17th 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

Parent Consultations!

Parent consultations are w/c 20th November. Please remember to book your consultation on Arbor!



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!

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 AND A COAT!

These need to be in school everyday!



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

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.



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 c (as in caterpillar) and k (as in kite). We have also learnt the tricky word 'the'. We have been practising to blend and segment words orally and have been writing and reading cvc words too!

In Maths we have been continuing with our subsisting skills. We have also been looking at the composition of number, this is the idea that numbers are made up of smaller numbers. We used the stem sentences 1 and 1 and 1 is three. We also learnt about number 4 and were introduced to the Numberblock 4. We had to find 4 things from around the classroom using the stem sentence 1 and 1 and 1 and another 1 is four.

In Drawing Club, we looked at an animation this week, I explained it was very old even older than your mummies and daddies and the grown ups in the class. We watched 'Mr Benn'. Mr Benn was being the zoo keeper and wanted to help all the animals to make the cages bigger. We have been learning new vocabulary—capture, habitat, protect, tearful We then drew pictures of the zoo, a new animal for the zoo and how we could catch our new animal so it would be in our zoo.

We have also learnt about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. The children were very knowledgeable about remembering soldiers who died in the war. We watched the CBeebies animation called 'Poppies' about the animals who were scared and had to hide. Then the poppies grew when the war was over.

We have also learnt about Diwali. We learnt it is a special festival for Hindus as it is a celebration of light and they worship the Goddess Lakshmi. We read 'Dipal's Diwali' and learnt about how they decorate their homes with diya lamps, made Rangoli patterns, ate lots of yummy food and visited the temple. We had a go at making our own too! We were very interested in mehndi patterns and have enjoyed during our own.



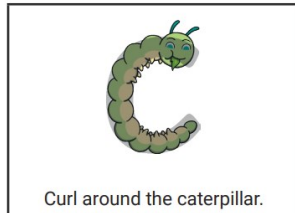
We would love to see or hear about the learning your child has been doing at home. The children love to share with their friends what they have been doing. Please email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk any photos or comments about what your child has been doing!



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

Cc

Formation



Action



Word List

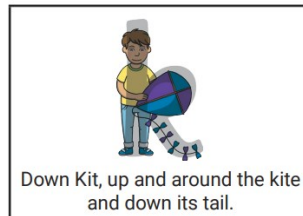
Help your child to sound out and blend to read these words.

can
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cap
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cot
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cat
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cod
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cop
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Kk

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Word List

Can you sound out these words?

Kit
...
kid
...

Kim
...
Ken
...

the

Home Learning

We have been really impressed with the children's reading skills. Lots of children are now taking home a book with words in. If your child does not have a book with words in please practise the level 1 activities which can be found on the 'phonics' section of the Acorn page on the school website. The areas that are particularly important at this stage are 'oral segmenting and blending' and 'hearing initial sounds' - <https://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=367>

Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week!

There are some activities on TwinklGo that you might like to try at home—<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/go>

Word building activity—PT5623 Orally Blending—PT1458 (click on 'Monster Reading School')