



Acorn News...

Friday 24th 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! Please ensure ear-rings are removed or they will be taped.

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.

Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Alfie-Lee, Oliver, Ahaan, Kareem and Millie.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Kyza for always be kind and helpful to his friends.



Dates for your diary....

- 29th November—Trip to post box and the Amelia
- 30th November—height and weight check
- 4th December—Flu vaccinations
- 12th December @ 2pm—Nativity
- 13th December @ 2pm—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
- 9th February—End of Term 3

Reading Books

These need to be in school everyday!



IMPORTANT

Remember—we are going to the post box and to the Amelia for crafts and stories on Wednesday 29th November. Please be at school on time so we can leave promptly at 9am. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out.

Nativity costumes need to be in school by Tuesday 5th December! Acorn class are going to be Angels. Please see separate letter with further details.

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 ck (as in duck), e (as in egg) and u (as in umbrella). We have also learnt the tricky words 'to' and 'I'. 'ck' is a digraph, which means that it is two letters making one sound. We have been practising to blend and segment words orally and have been writing and reading cvc words too! We have also been reading sentences with the sounds we have learnt and our tricky words in.

In Maths we have been continuing with our subsisting skills. We have been counting beats of the drum which is tricky as we can't touch them. We have to either count in our head or use our fingers to demonstrate each beat we can hear. We used cubes to demonstrate different ways that the numberblock 4 can make himself. We also used descriptive language to describe how the cubes were arranged. We have also been comparing amounts and use the words 'more' and 'fewer'.

We read the story 'Santa's Special Letter'. Santa had lost a special letter from Pip the littlest mouse and what she had asked Santa for. Luckily Santa found the letter and was able to give Pip what she wanted. We then wrote our own letters to Santa ready to post them next week.

We finished off our Diwali learning by painting our diyas lamps and having mendhi patterns drawn on our hands. The children were very patient when waiting for it to dry as it took at least 20 minutes!



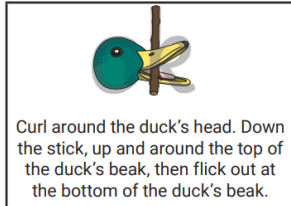
We would love to see or hear about the learning your child has been doing at home. The children love to share with their friends what they have been doing. Please email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk any photos or comments about what your child has been doing!



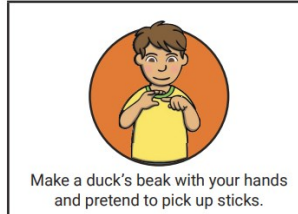
Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. Here is some information about the sounds and words we have learnt this week that may support your child's learning at home.

ck

Formation



Action



Word List

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

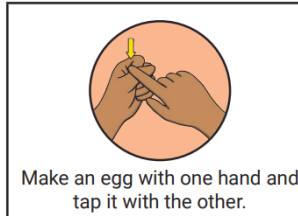
pick .. ■	tick .. ■
kick .. ■	sock .. ■
sack .. ■	mock .. ■

Ee

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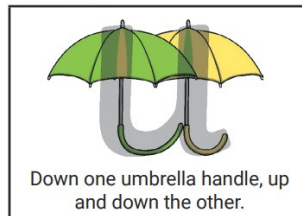
Word List

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

get .. ■	pet .. ■
ten .. ■	peg .. ■
men .. ■	neck .. ■

Uu

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Word List

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

up .. ■	mum ... ■
mud .. ■	mug .. ■
cup .. ■	sun .. ■

to

I

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!
- Please see 'more and fewer' home learning activities attached!