



Acorn News...

Friday 8th December 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:

Violette, Antonia, Kyza,



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Mary for amazing knowledge of the Nativity story.



Dates for your diary....

- 12th December @ 2pm—Nativity
- 13th December @ 2pm—Nativity
- 15th December—Christmas Lunch and Festive Fair
- 18th December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December—Trinity Theatre Trip, Christmas Party and End of Term 2
- 3rd January—Inset Day (no children in school)
- 4th January—Start of Term 3
- 9th February—End of Term 3

IMPORTANT

There are a few outstanding Nativity costumes need to be in school on MONDAY for our dress rehearsal!

WE NEED BLUE ITEMS FOR OUR CLASS HAMPER! Our box is currently looking very empty and we need more items for the chance to win pizza for the class!



Acorn class are going to have a stall at the Festive Fair, we really need some volunteers to manage the stall with Miss Traviss. It is 2.45pm to 5pm. If you are able to help out for some of the fair (or all of it) please either speak to Miss Traviss or email acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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 b (as in bat and ball), f (as in fairy) and l (as in lolly). We have also learnt the tricky words 'put' and 'of'. We are becoming more confident to recognise all of the sounds learnt so far and we are becoming more confident with our tricky words. We have nearly learnt all of the level 2 sounds and will be assessing the children after Christmas to see where they are at and what sounds and words we may need to recap again.

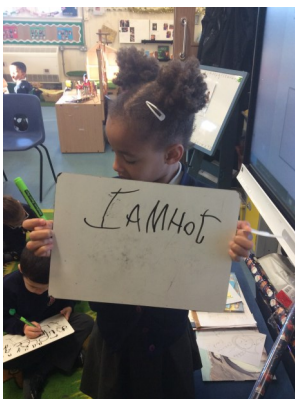
In Maths, we have continued our work on circles and triangles and used them for our art inspiration. We looked at the artist, Kandinsky who used geometric shapes to produce abstract art. We had to find different sized circular faces to draw around and then cut out. Some children challenged themselves to use triangles and squares in their work too. We have then moved on to using positional language and read the story 'Rosie's Walk' about a hen who is being chased around the farm. Rosie had to go over, under, through and around obstacles to avoid the fox.

In PE the children enjoyed Mr Luckhurst's Christmas Nativity using a range of movements to create a story about Christmas activities. It was lots of fun and our favourite move was 'the cracker'.

Our Drawing Club and RE learning this week has been focused around the Nativity story and we read 'My First Nativity' by Rod Campbell which gives a simple explanation of the birth of Jesus. We have been introduced to the characters in the story and have learnt that Jesus' birth happened a long time ago when there were no cars.

We have done lots of Nativity practise this week and even got to stand on the stage to do it! We are working very hard learning our songs and would like to thank all the parents for providing their child's costume so far. We cannot wait for you to see us perform next week!

We also had a very exciting visit from our school dog, Betsy!



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!



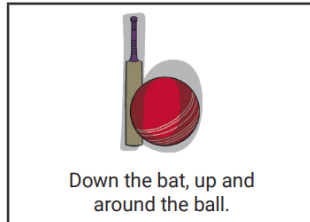
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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. Here is some information about the sounds and words we have learnt this week that may support your child's learning at home.

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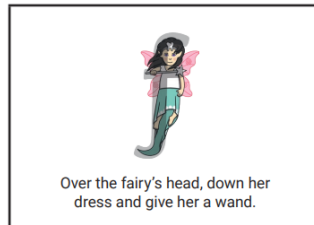
Word List

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

b <u>u</u> t	b <u>e</u> d
b <u>i</u> g	b <u>u</u> s
b <u>a</u> ck	b <u>u</u> g

Ff

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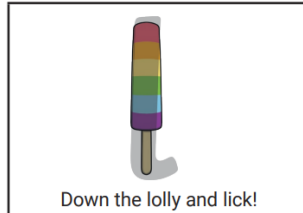
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i <u>f</u>	f <u>u</u> n
f <u>o</u> g	f <u>a</u> n
f <u>i</u> t	f <u>i</u> g

Ll

Formation



Action



Word List

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

l <u>a</u> p	l <u>i</u> d
l <u>e</u> g	l <u>i</u> ck
l <u>o</u> t	l <u>o</u> ck

of

put

Home Learning

- Go shopping for blue items for our class hamper. If money is tight, any items from home that are in very good condition would be the perfect addition too. The hamper items need to be in school by Monday 11th December.
- Take part in the winter reading challenge 'Ready Set Read' - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> more information can be found on the main school newsletter.