



Acorn News...

Friday 26th January 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:

Bailey, Scarlett, Oliver and Audrey.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Scarlett, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Scarlett has created great stem sentences in Maths!



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!

Dates for your diary....

- 30th January — Drama event
- 2nd January — Jaws n Claws workshop (see separate email)
- 2nd January — PTFA Disco (3.45-5pm)
- 9th February — End of Term 3

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!

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.



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In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds y (as in yo-yo), z (as in zig-zag), zz (as in buzz), qu (as in queen) and ch (as in chick). We have also learnt the tricky word, she. 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.

In Maths, we have continued looking at parts and whole of objects, amounts and numbers. We took the numberblocks apart to see how many parts we can split them into. We used the stem sentence '___ is a part and ___ is another part and ___ is the whole'. We also used paint to make different formations of four and five inspired by the numberblocks episode 'stampolines'. We practised talking about how our cubes were arranged.

In RE, we followed up last week's lesson about children being special with a baptism for one of our classroom dolls. We named the baby 'Jesus' and said some special prayers to him to thank God for giving us such a special baby.

In PE we have been continuing our gymnastics learning with practising balances and also using balances within a sequence.

Well done to all the children this week who did an amazing job when OFSTED came in!



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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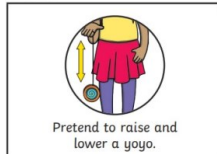
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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. We have started level 3 this week, which is very exciting. The children are already doing brilliantly. These are the 4 sounds and tricky word we have learnt so far. It would be super if you could practice with your child at home.

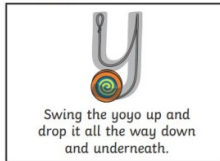
Yy

Action



Pretend to raise and lower a yoyo.

Formation



Swing the yoyo up and drop it all the way down and underneath.

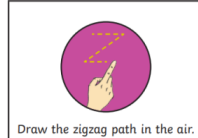
Word List

Can you sound out these words?

yak yap
yes yuck
yum yell

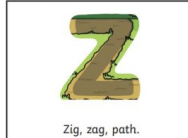
Zz

Action



Draw the zigzag path in the air.

Formation



Zig, zag, path.

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

zap zigzag
zip

ZZ

Action



Make a buzzing bee with your hand and draw two zigzag paths.

Formation



Zig, zag, path.
Zig, zag, path.

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

fizz buzz
fuzz jazz

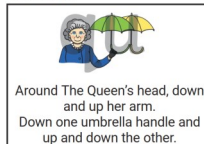
qu

Action



Give a royal wave.

Formation



Around The Queen's head, down and up her arm.
Down one umbrella handle and up and down the other.

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

quiz quick
quack quill
quiff quaff

ch

Action



Use your thumb and forefinger to make a chick's beak.

Can you write ch?

ch ch ch
ch ch ch

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

chop chat
chip check
rich chap

Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only change 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.
- We will be adding a sound mat to each child's reading book bag to help you practise the sounds and tricky words at home.

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