



Acorn News...

Friday 9th February 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.

Dates for your diary....

- 9th February — End of Term 3
- 19th February—Start of Term 4
- 29th March—End of Term 4

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!



Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Alfie-Lee, Antonia, Davina, Albie and Violette.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Himansh, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Himansh is always working hard and has completed all his challenges this week!



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.

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!

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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Our learning this week...

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds sh (as in sheep) and th (as in moth). We have also learnt the tricky word, be. We have been practising reading and writing words with these sounds in. We played Kim's Game where we had to look at the objects then close our eyes and one was taken away. We had to write down the object that was taken away. All the objects contained sounds in that we had learnt recently. For our tricky word we practised reading sentences and thinking of our own sentences using the word. Some children have been writing sentences using our tricky words! Please remember to practise tricky words at home too!

In Maths, we have been looking at mass and capacity. Mass is how heavy or light an object is and capacity is how much of an object (liquid, buttons, cubes) a container can hold. We have been using a variety of containers in the classroom to talk about whether it is full, empty or half full. We also guess how much cups of water would fit into our chosen containers. The children had a chance to make cakes this week where they had to balance all the ingredients to make sure they weighed the same as the egg.

Instead of Drawing Club this week, we have been writing 'who am i?' fact files. We had to write three statements about our chosen animal e.g. 'it has wings' then make a flap over the animal for our friends to guess what animal we had drawn based on the statements we had written.

For our challenges this week we had to draw an observational drawing of one of the animals we saw from Jaws n Claws. We had to think about the colours we were using to make sure we didn't have an orange tortoise! We also ordered the numbers to 10 and had to put the correct number of objects under each numeral. Then we looked 'dot art' or 'pointillism' and had to recreate a animal picture using paint and cotton buds.



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!



Our learning this week...

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 sounds and tricky word we have learnt this week. It would be super if you could practice with your child at home.

sh

Action



Put a finger to your lips.

Can you write sh?

sh sh sh
sh sh sh

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

shut	lush
shack	mash
push	shop

th

Action



Put your forefingers on your head and wiggle your moth's feelers. Say 'th, th, th' with your voice box off.

Can you write th?

th th th
th th th

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

thick	bath
thin	thud
path	

be

Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only changed 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. Each child has a sound mat in their reading book folder to support them with this.
- We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday after half term, can you find out why Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday?