



# Acorn News...

Friday 1st March 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 **Tuesday and Wednesday.**

All children should have a full PE kit in school—this includes tracksuit bottoms/shorts, socks 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:

Emine, Kareem, Leo, Emily, Scarlett-Jayne, Antonia.



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Albie, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Albie is making great progress in all areas of learning, particularly reading and writing.



## 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....

- 7th March—World Book Day— Dress up as a book character.
- 28th March—End of Term 4
- 15th April—Start of Term 5

## 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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## Our learning this week...

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds ai (as in snail) and ee (as in cheese). We have been practising to read and write words using these sounds and remembering that if we are writing a digraph on a phoneme frame, the two letters go in the same box. We have also learnt the tricky word, was, and have been practising orally putting the word in a sentence.

In Maths, we have continued practising our knowledge of counting, ordinality and cardinality using number blocks and have been created our own 'number block staircases' ensuring that each column is one more than the previous one.

In Drawing Club this week, we have been focussing on the book 'Room on the Broom'. We have been drawing the dragon, the swamp and deciding on a magic potion to use on the dragon; if he ever came back! We learnt the words—passenger, addition, scaly and whoosh—and have been discussing their meanings and how they link to the story. On the witch theme, we have learnt a poem called 'Pointy Hat', the children thought of excellent actions to help us remember the poem!

In RE this week, we have continued learning about special times for Christians in the lead up to Easter and focussed on Palm Sunday. We learnt that followers of Jesus lined the streets to welcome him. We learnt the word 'hosanna' which was something that was shouted to express praise and made our own palm leaves.

The children have been really engaged in their challenges this week and have particularly enjoyed making wands and creating 'the mystery list' where they had to find the coloured flaps around the classroom and write what was underneath the flap.

We also visited the school pond to see the frogspawn and took some back to our classroom to watch the eggs hatch into tadpoles.



**Please email [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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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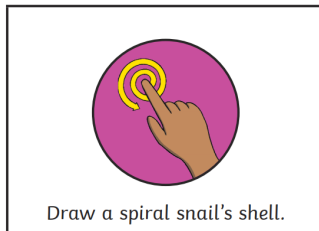
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## Our learning this week...

Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. These are the sounds and tricky word we have learnt this week. It would be super if you could practice these at home with your child.

# ai

### Action



Can you write ai?

ai ai ai  
ai ai ai

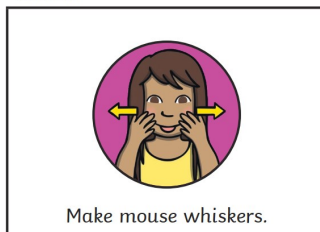
### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

|      |      |
|------|------|
| rain | wait |
| tail | main |
| pain | aid  |

# ee

### Action



Can you write ee?

ee ee ee  
ee ee ee

### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| seed  | cheek |
| week  | sheep |
| queen | beep  |

# was

## 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.
- Attached is a 'recognises numbers to 5' activities that you may wish to try at home!