



Acorn News...

Friday 8th 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:

Davina, Reuben, Amelia-Rose, Millie and Mololuwa.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Antonia, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Antonia is making fantastic progress in her reading.



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!

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.

Dates for your diary....

- 15th March—Red Nose Day dress up and pay £1.
- w/c 18th March—Parent Consultations
- 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!



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In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds igh (as in knight) and oa (as in boat). You will notice that there are three letters in the sound 'igh' which means it is a trigraph. We have done lots of writing this week and have written two sentences!!

In Maths, we have been practising our composition of numbers, this is the different ways we can make each number. We have learnt two songs this week, 5 little speckled frogs and 5 little aliens in a flying saucer and used props to find out the different ways to make numbers 5, 6 and 7.

In Drawing Club this week, we have been focussing on the book 'Oi Frog'. We have been drawing the frog, the log and a new animal for the book and what they would sit on if the cat told them to. We learnt the words — demand, lounge, comfortable and painful — and have been discussing their meanings and how they link to the story.

In RE this week, we recapped our learning from last week about Palm Sunday and this introduced us to the 'Easter Story'. We read a book called 'The Story of Easter' which introduced the different events leading up to Jesus' death. The children were able to recall some of the events that happened and we will look into these in more depth in the coming weeks.

We have been using watercolour paint blocks to paint half of a flower, the children did an amazing job with this! We learnt that we needed to wash our brush in one pot of water and then dilute the paint using another pot. We learnt we had to stroke the paper with the paint brush.

We have learnt about how our frogspawn will slowly change into little froglets and when they start to come out of the water we will have to put them back in the pond. We were very excited to see that our frogspawn eggs had started to hatch and we now have tadpoles swimming!



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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.

igh

Action



Hold one arm across your body as if holding a shield and pat it with your other hand.

Word List

Can you sound out these words?

fight
high
tight

might
light
sight

Can you write igh?



oa

Action



Pretend to row your boat.

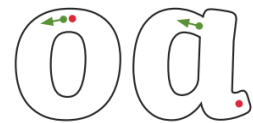
Word List

Can you sound out these words?

goat
soak
loan

oat
boat
moat

Can you write oa?



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. Each child has a sound mat in their reading book folder to support them with this.
- Can you find the digraphs and trigraphs we have learnt so far in your books at home? Maybe you could write a list of all the words you can find with the following sounds in:

qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa