



# Acorn News...

Friday 19th April 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:

Lucy, Emine, Scarlett-Jayne, Oliver and Zak.



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Ahaan, for always being willing and keen to persevere with writing.



## 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!



## Dates for your diary.....

- 19th April—PTFA Film Night
- 26th April—Fire Station Trip
- 30th April—Pizza Express Trip
- 2nd May—Hearing and Vision Check
- 6th May—Bank holiday Monday (school closed)
- 21st May—Class photographs
- 24th May—End of Term 5
- 3rd June —Inset day (no children in school)
- 4th June—Start of Term 6
- 18th June—Playtime Past at The Amelia
- 10th July—KS1 sports day
- 19th July—End of Term 6 and PTFA Picnic

## 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!

## Library

Library day is Thursday!

If you are unsure which book you have at home please ask one of the Acorn team.

## 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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## Our learning this week...

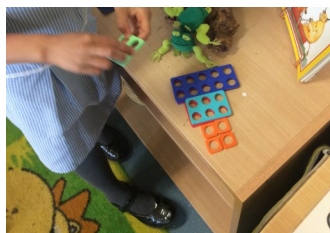
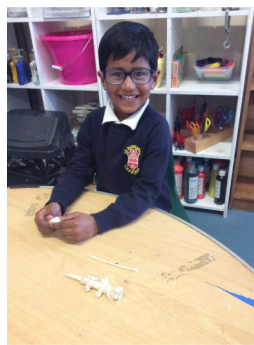
In Phonics, we have learnt the sound ow (as in clown), oi (as in coin) and ear (as in ear). The 'ear' sound is called a trigraph as there are three letters together making the sound. We have also been recapping the sounds and words we have learnt so far. We have had a big focus on writing this week and the children are remembering that digraphs and trigraphs need more than one letter to make their sound.

In Maths, we have been learning about length. We know that length measures how long an object is from two different points. We have used the terms 'shorter' and 'longer' to describe objects. We used the stem sentences, the \_\_\_\_ is shorter/longer than the \_\_\_\_\_. We had to find one object that was longer than our piece of ribbon and one object that was shorter than our piece of ribbon. One of our challenges was to measure a length of ribbon using non standard measurements (cubes and counters).

In Drawing Club this week, we have continued looking at a variety of books around the theme 'People Who Help Us'. This week we looked at a vet and a dentist. One of our challenges this week was to clean our teeth. We have learnt lots about keeping our teeth healthy too.

In PE, we have been doing athletics in practise for sports day. So far we have practised two of our competitions—relay and long jump.

In RE, Miss Traviss tripped over and our Easter garden got broken. As we put it back together again we talked about the different parts of it and their meanings. Miss Traviss said she was sorry and helped us put it back together. This was her way of trying to make everything right so we can forgive her. Christians believe that Jesus often forgave people for things they had done wrong and that his death is a new start for everyone.



**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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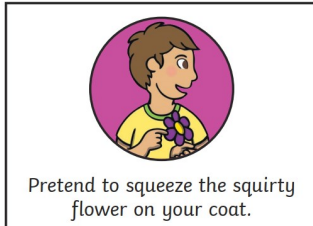
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## Our learning this week...

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.

# ow

### Action



### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

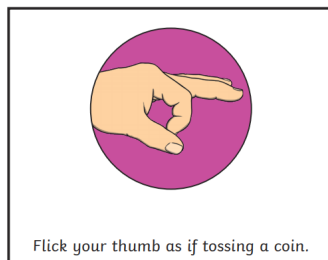
bow	fowl
down	now
town	cow

Can you write ow?

ow ow ow  
ow ow ow

# oi

### Action



### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

oil	join
soil	boil
loin	foil

Can you write the word oi?

oi oi oi  
oi oi oi

# ear

### Action



### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

shear	near
hear	tear
beard	fear

Can you write ear?

ear ear ear  
ear ear ear

## Home Learning

- Can you find 5 objects around your house and put them in order of length from shortest to longest?
- 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.