



Acorn News...

Friday 3rd March 2023

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

Dates for your diary.....

- Friday 31st March—End of Term 4
- Monday 17th April—Start of Term 5
- Friday 10th March—Room on the Broom

Welcome Wednesdays—our classroom is open for you to visit and read with your child between 8.30am and 9am

This week's special helpers were:

Evie –mae, Parko, Diksha and Luca



Remember....

- PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Library day is Thursday
- We will change reading books on a Tuesday and a Friday if your child has read their book at least twice.

Please keep reading with your children at home. It really will make a difference!

If your child reads at least 3 times in a week they will be entered into a draw to win a prize at the end of term



Happy Friday!

This week in phonics we have focused on vowel digraphs. We have learnt 'ai' and 'ee'. In maths we have continued to learn more about 7 and 8, including ways of making these numbers.

Thursday was World Book Day and what a day it was, thank you for your efforts with costumes and crazy hair. The children had a fantastic day.

Next Friday (10th March) we have our exciting trip to see Room on the Broom at the Assembly Hall. We are very lucky that Mrs Duncombe has booked us a coach to and from the Assembly Halls. I would like to remind you that if you haven't already paid for the trip to please pay as soon as you can.

Star of the Week—Lenny.

Here are some photos of our learning this week...



Ivy as 'Thing 2'



Juno's rainbow



The Busker and Tabby McTat

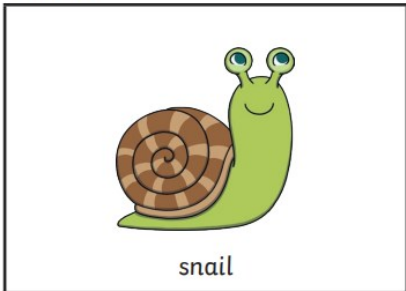


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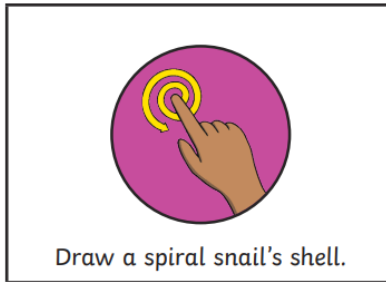
Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. We are continuing with digraphs this week. A digraph is 2 graphemes (letters) that work together to make one sound. As we move in to digraphs we will be focusing on each for 2 days. One with a reading focus and one with a writing focus. This weeks are 'ai' and 'ee'

Picture



snail

Action

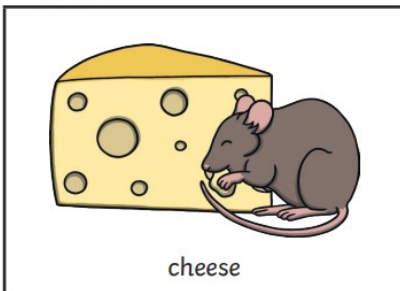


Draw a spiral snail's shell.

Can you write ai?

ai ai ai
ai ai ai

Picture



cheese

Action



Make mouse whiskers.

Can you write ee?

ee ee ee
ee ee ee

Can your child read these words?

rain



tail



pain



wait



main



aid



seed



week



queen



cheek



sheep



beep



Tricky word: was



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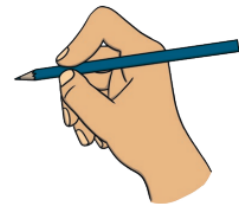
Home Learning

Please focus on the sounds 'ai' and 'ee' and the tricky word 'was' this week. If your child would like to practice writing these digraphs we are happy for them to bring their work in to show us all.

We are working hard with the children on their pencil grip. It can be tricky for some children to remember to use the tripod grip when writing. These are some great prompts to help you gently remind your child how to hold a pen or pencil when using it to write, draw or colour.

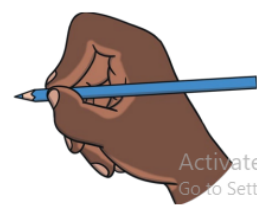
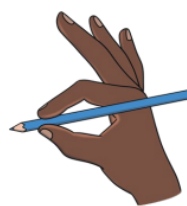
Crab Claw

Pinch thumb and finger together to create the claw. Tuck the body (the other three fingers) underneath.



OK Sign

Make an OK sign with your hand. Hold the pencil between the fingers. Tuck the other fingers underneath. Rest your pencil on the pillow of your hand.



Activate V
Go to Setting:

Maths Challenge.

Can you find the number 7 or 8 in any of your story books? How many times can you spot the digits when you are out and about?

Can you draw a picture of an animal with 8 legs? Can you invent your own animal with only 7 legs? Can you name it using one of this weeks phonemes 'ai' and 'ee'?