



Acorn News...

Friday 31st 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....

- Monday 17th April—Start of Term 5
- Weds 26th April—Fire Station Trip
- Monday 1st May—Mayday Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May—King's Coronation Bank Holiday
- Friday 26th May—End of Term 5

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:
Aiden, Lenny, Khloe, Logan, Olivia



Remember....

- PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Library day is Friday
- 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



This terms winner is Reuben! Well done for reading regularly.

Happy end of term 4!

We have had a week of Easter preparations.

Over the week we have been making Easter bonnets to show everyone in celebration assembly and today we had a very exciting Easter egg hunt.

In phonics we have learnt 'ur' and 'ow' and learnt the tricky word 'you'.

In maths we have been growing our understanding to the numbers 9 and 10. We have looked at accurate counting and different ways to make 10.

In Drawing Club this term we have been focusing on Traditional Tales, this week was the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

Start of the week—Reuben for challenging himself with his writing.

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



Luca's dinosaur jungle



3 Billy Goats Gruff!

Making Easter nests with year 3





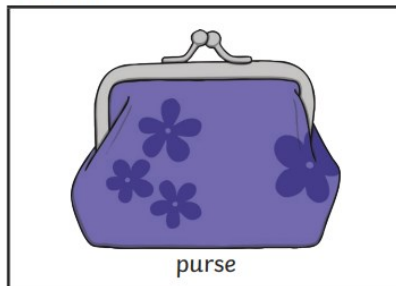
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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas is Twinkl Phonics. This week we have learnt two digraphs (two letters making one sound) 'ur' and 'ow' and the tricky word 'you'. We have spent two days on each sound, one with a reading focus and one with a writing focus. We have lots of sounds now and so this is enabling us to write bigger words and longer

ur.

Picture



purse

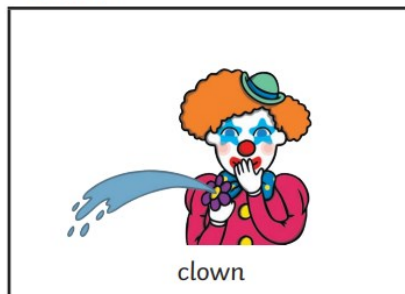
Action



Pretend to open a purse.

ow.

Picture



clown

Action



Pretend to squeeze the squirty flower on your coat.

Can your child read these words?

curl



turn



hurt



hurl



surf



burn



bow



down



town



fowl



now



cow



Tricky words: you



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Home Learning

Please focus on the sounds 'ur' and 'ow' and the tricky words 'was' and 'my'.

Can you 'write' an Easter diary?

A great way to encourage writing is for children to understand the purpose of it. Over the holidays you could use the days of the week as a heading and together record what you did on each day (it doesn't have to be super exciting stuff, it could be as simple as 'I helped Mummy take the washing out of the machine')

Your child doesn't have to write lots. A lovely picture with a word underneath would also be wonderful.

If you would like to take part we would be really excited to see and share your holiday journals with the class. We might even give out some prizes.

Maths Challenge.

After Easter we will be looking at time. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow over a period of time. We will also be focussing on the days of the week as well as the concept of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Over the holidays it would be brilliant if you could talk about these with your children. Maybe make a mini planner for the week with each day marked. Or talk about/record what you did yesterday, what you will do tomorrow etc.

These seem like very simple concepts for us but can prove quite tricky for many younger children.