



Acorn News...

Friday 10th May 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 **Wednesday and Friday.**

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:

Raif, Emily, Kareem and Violette.



Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week, who gets to take home Wilfred the elephant. Kareem had made great progress in all areas of learning this week.



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!



Head Lice

These little friends are still in Acorn class. Please ensure you are checking, combing and treating your child's hair regularly!

Dates for your diary.....

- 17th May—PTFA School Disco
- 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 Trip 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!

Some children are a little upset as they have not taken a book home in a while so we will send a photo of the front cover of the book home so you can have a look for it at home ready for our next visit to the library!

Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child's spare clothes bag is replenished when children take wet or dirty clothes home. We got wet feet on the field this week and not many children had a change of socks!

Junk Modelling

We would love any clean and dry plastic or cardboard from your recycling bins!



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In Phonics, we have learnt the sound er (as in pepper) and the tricky word, are. We have now learnt all of the level 3 sounds and tricky words. We will now be assessing the children on their phonics knowledge so far before moving onto level 4. Level 4 introduces more tricky words and more complex words with adjacent consonants and multiple syllables, more information can be found here— <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/level-4-phonics>

In Maths, we have been looking at doubling. We used the stem sentences: ____ is the double ____ is a part and ____ is a part and ____ and ____ and the whole is _____. Doubles are two equal groups that make a whole. We used dice, ladybirds and counters for spots and tens frames and counters to demonstrate our understanding.

In RE, we learnt two stories from the Old Testament called 'Noah's Ark' and 'The Promise'. We will be learning about how different people trust God and why Christians do the same.

We have been learning about the 'zones of regulation' this week. We were introduced to the four zones—green, blue, yellow and red. We learnt that ideally we would be in the green zone all of the time, but it is okay not to be in that zone. We discussed the zone we thought we were in and why we felt that way. We will be continuing our work on this next week too!

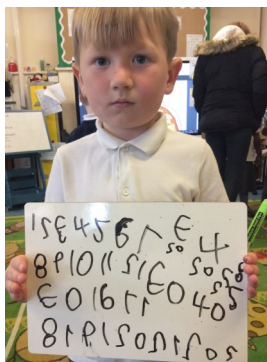
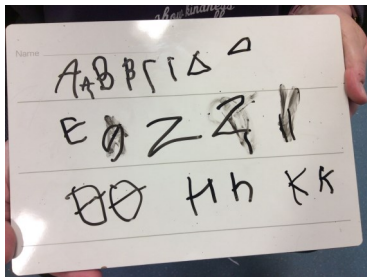
Supplementary Reproducible E for Elementary Ages

The ZONES of Regulation

Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone Overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

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For our challenges this week, we had to plant a beanstalk, mixed colours to paint a rainbow and completed the 'er' maze!



Please email 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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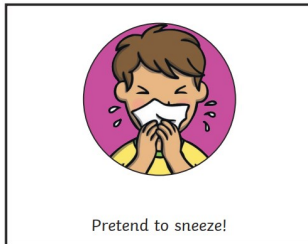
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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. These are the sounds and tricky words we have learnt this week. Please practise these with your child at home.

er

Action



Word List

Can you sound out these words?

hammer

.. _ _ _

rocker

.. _ _ _

ladder

.. _ _ _

dinner

.. _ _ _

letter

.. _ _ _

better

.. _ _ _

Can you write the word er?

er er er

er er er

are

Can you think of a sentence with this week's tricky word in?

Home Learning

- Please see attached doubling home learning challenges
- 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