

Termly Newsletter

20th July 2017



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It has been a wonderful year and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all the children and families in Class Acorn. It has been a pleasure to teach such an inspiring and thoughtful group of children who always strive to do their best. We are very much looking forward to hearing of all their successes as Year 1 children. We wish you a wonderful summer break.

Best wishes

Miss Bates, Selina & Michelle ☺

'I enjoyed singing at the Christmas Nativity' Daisy

'My special memory is meeting Miss Bates on my first day at school' Declan

'I loved taking Bonty Bear home for sleepovers' Eliza

'I loved swimming in the pool and collecting treasure from the bottom' Ned

'My favourite memory is riding ponies' Betty



'I loved paddling in the sea' Ella

'I loved playing in the ice-cream parlour making ice-creams' Avish

'I love school because of Miss Bates and Selina' Ethan

'I loved helping at gardening club' Flora

'Thank you Selina for keeping me safe on the bus' Kieran

Special Memories in Class Acorn!

Buckets and Spades

It has been an exciting and fun half term in Class Acorn with lots of preparation for the school visit to 'Old Hunstanton'. The children have learnt to compare and contrast seaside features and traditions from the past to the present day. We talked about the meaning of the 'past' and explored photographs to help us understand. Images promoted lots of rich dialogue amongst the children where they compared clothing, swimwear, beach games and activities such as donkey rides and Punch and Judy shows. This term the children explored the structure of 'The Rainbow Fish' and learnt to include a beginning, middle and end when re-writing their version of the story. The children learnt to use story boards to support the organisation of their writing and enjoyed re-telling the story with puppets in the theatre.

The School visit to 'Old Hunstanton' was a wonderful success; we spent the day collecting shells, catching crabs, building sandcastles, paddling in the sea, playing beach games and eating ice-creams before travelling back to school!

'Moving On Afternoon' & Welcoming the New Acorn Children!

Last Wednesday the children thoroughly enjoyed their time with their new teacher Miss Newns, they all returned very excited and eager to talk about their experience. I am sure all of the children are looking forward to September when they will have an exciting new academic year ahead of them. We have enjoyed many visits from the new Acorn children this term and the children have particularly enjoyed taking on the role of a 'Buddy' to support them.

Swimming

The children have all made amazing progress with their swimming skills this half term. Mr Shipp and I are very proud of all the children's individual achievements. Please continue to practise swimming with your child during the holidays, you could explore 'floating, kicking, front crawl strokes using a float and retrieving objects from the bottom of the pool.

Pony Rides



Reading



We have collected your child's reading folder this week in order to prepare new folders for September.

Please note your child will not be receiving any more readings books over the summer holidays. Please continue to share books with your child from your child's own book collection or from your local library. Thank you very much for the support you have given your child with their reading and phonics work this year. It has really helped the children to feel confident with reading activities in the classroom.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped or contributed in some way over the course of the year whether it has been regularly in class each week, helping with gardening, reading or for a special event such as, a trip to Hunstanton, Pony Rides, Easter Activity Morning, Christmas artwork, sharing expertise or making props and costumes for assemblies. It is very much appreciated and makes such a difference to some of the projects that we are able to undertake.

Over the Summer Holidays

Listed below are some ideas on how you can help your child to maintain their literacy and numeracy skills over the summer as well as ways to develop their skills in other areas of learning. Any time that you spend with your child will benefit them in preparation for Year 1.

- **Reading** menus in restaurants, signs, etc as well as continuing to read books, using visual clues as well as word recognition and sounding out words.
- **Writing** at every opportunity and letting them try to work out how to spell words. How about a postcard to grandparents, a diary of a holiday, a story book, food labels for a party etc?
- **Talking** about what they've done, what they've seen - keeping up those skills of explaining things to a listener and also being able to listen when someone else has something to say.
- **Mathematics**- Counting their holiday pocket money, buying ice creams, counting shells, finding 2D and 3D shapes in your home or in the garden.
- **Understanding the World** - Finding out about the world around them - any new experience is a learning experience; these don't just have to be a specifically organised trip. A walk down the lane can be a bug hunt, a trip to the supermarket a chance to discover exotic fruits which might lead to a discussion about other countries, and so on!

Have a lovely summer!