Dear Parents,

We would like to start by welcoming both you and your child to Acorn class. We are really excited about the New Year ahead. Our topic this term is ‘Blast Off- To Infinity and Beyond.’ Overleaf is a planning grid, detailing planned activities for this term.

Reading

Your child will soon be starting their reading journey through daily phonic sessions and small group activities. Within the next few weeks we will give your child their first reading book.

To start with your child’s book will have no, or very few words. Please talk about the pictures, what is happening in the pictures, asking them what they think may happen next etc.

As we start learning our sounds your child will get new books, according to the sounds they have learnt. When you read with your child, please fill in the reading record, which is kept in their book bag,

Books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child has read their book before it is due to be changed, please re read their book with them and continue to ask them questions about what they have read. Your child will read with an adult at least once a week, this will be recorded in their reading diary. Your child will also read during their daily phonic sessions, during small group activities and guided reading sessions.

We would like to invite you to a reading and phonics information session on Wednesday the 3rd of October at 9am.

How to help meeting

You are invited to a meeting to discuss how you could help your child at home, on Wednesday the 19th of September at 9am.

Homework

During the reception year we encourage you to read with your child at home, ideally daily. This includes you reading to your child as well as them reading to you. When phonics teaching has started your child will have a sound sheet put into their book bags every time a new sound is learnt. You can do these worksheets with your child, or just use them as a record of the sounds that your child has learnt.

PE

PE will be taught on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child’s PE kit is in school on this day. We would like to ask that all items of clothing be labelled with your child’s name.

Celebrating achievements at home

We know that children learn at home as well as at school. We would like to celebrate things that your child achieves outside of school. Please complete a wow voucher when you want to share your child’s achievement with us. These will be displayed on our wow board. These achievements can be anything from swimming without armbands for the first time, being helpful at home, cleaning their teeth on their own.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons throughout the year. The first session for your child will be on Tuesday the 18th of September.

Home toys

We ask that children do not bring home toys in to school to avoid the upset of these being lost or damaged.

If you have any questions, now or during the year please do come and talk to us after school.

We look forward to a successful and happy year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Cooksley and Mrs Bladon