

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 'Superheroes.'

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 weekly basis. 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.

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 Wednesday 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.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons throughout the year. The first session for your child will start once they are in for the full day.

Home toys

We ask that children do not bring home toys in to school to avoid the upset of these being lost or damaged. For any items that children would like to talk about, a Show and Tell rota will be organised and distributed to you shortly. 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,

The Acorn Class Team