



Early Years Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted with the way all the children in Acorns and Conkers have settled in. We would like to thank you all for the support you have given us and your children during this time.

We would like to let you know about some of the topics that we will be focusing on this term. At the moment, we are thinking about **Ourselves**. Following this we will be learning about **Harvest** and focusing on the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

During this time we welcome all parents to our school Harvest Festival at 9:30 am on Friday 4th October, where you will hear us all singing some songs!

We will then be reading and exploring a book called '**Pumpkin Soup**' by Helen Cooper.

After half term **Artists** will be our next topic. We will be investigating use of techniques as well as colour and what happens when we mix them. This will lead us on to discussing and finding out about famous artists, including Jackson Pollock, Queenie McKenzie, Andy Warhol and Van Gogh. Leading up to Christmas we will focus on **Celebrations**.

Reading and Phonics form an important part of the Early Years Curriculum. We will be having lots of fun with letters and sounds. We introduce the sounds in the following order;

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j, v, y,
w, th, z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk

During the week beginning 23th September your child will bring home their first reading book. This will be a wordless book to give your child the opportunity to discuss the pictures and story, as well as make predictions about what might happen next. The books will come home with the yellow Reading Record book. Please sign and date against the name of the book each time you read, adding a comment if you wish.

Each **Friday**, both classes will visit the school library where children will be able to choose a book to take home. Please ensure your child brings the book back to school every **Thursday**, in order to take out a new one.

P.E. lessons will take place each week. Both classes will be doing P.E. on a Thursday. Please make sure your child has their fully named PE kit in school by 23rd September.

The children will also be begin Forest School in November. We will send more information regarding this nearer the time.

Children are being sensible with their water bottles but please do not put them in their book bags as water can damage their books and important letters.

Your children are all looking forward to eating their lunch at school. As we are a Healthy School, sweets and chocolates are not allowed in lunchboxes. Our school operates a **no nut** policy for the safety of children and staff with nut allergies. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure there are **no nuts or nut based products** in their bag/box. As mentioned on the home visits, if your child is having school dinners, please go through the choices with your child each morning.

Finally, a reminder that on **Thursday 19th September** you are warmly invited to attend a Reading and Phonics Workshop in school at 6pm. This session will last for approximately 30 minutes.

If you ever have any concerns or questions about what is going on in school please do come and speak to a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Critten, Mrs Horton and Miss Miran
Mrs Hancock, Mrs Sliwka and Mrs Showell

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