



Spring 2019 2nd Half Term – Acorn

Half way through the year already! It has been lovely to see the children blossoming in confidence and self-esteem throughout the year and the progress they have made in learning new letter sounds.

Last term the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about various animals. From going on Safari to camping in the tent; the children learnt about many African animals and enjoyed using their senses to explore exotic fruit in our tuff spot. Dressing up has been a big hit this term with the children enjoying acting as many different animals. In the last week of the term the children had a visit from a local farm. They brought large cardboard animals with them and filled the children with lots of interesting information.

This term, Team Woodland will be learning about 'people who help us'. The children will learn about many different jobs, some of which they will know a lot about and some that will be new to them. If any parents would like to come in and give a short talk to the children about their job we would be very grateful and the children would really benefit from this experience.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our topic of 'People Who Help Us' will be a super opportunity to explore being helpful, respectful, caring and responsible. We'll provide the children with opportunities to role play and develop their understanding of right and wrong, focusing on cooperative play.

Communication & Language

As a focus this term, children will be following many instructions with multiple steps as well as developing their questioning skills. They will ask appropriate questions of others during role play opportunities e.g. "How did you hurt yourself?" and "Why did you call 999?"

Physical Development

As a vital part of growing up, the children will find out more about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. This will include, visiting the dentist regularly, exercising and keeping clean. They will also learn more about different food types and why some foods are better for us than others.

Literacy

As the children will be spending lots of their time role playing, they will be encouraged to write prescriptions, doctor's notes, police reports and patient records. They will be encouraged to use their growing phonic skills in this.

Maths

In Maths, we'll be continuing with key skills such as number recognition, number formation and will be introducing the concept of more or less. Where appropriate, we will link this learning to our topic work.

Understanding the World

Our new topic lends itself to the children learning about people and communities. They will talk about the lives of people around them as well as gaining a better understanding of a variety of professions.

Expressive Arts

Throughout this topic the children will be encouraged to use their imaginations as they learn about different jobs. We will model representing our thoughts and feelings through role play and a range of media.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please check your child's jumpers/cardigans for name labels and act on this accordingly.
- ★ We are in the process of organising a school trip to visit a local farm. More details to follow.
- ★ If your child has a toileting accident in school and is clothed using our stock of clothes please promptly wash and return the items. If you think there is any chance your child will have an accident at school please ensure they have a change of clothing in their book bag or hanging on their peg. We also always appreciate donations of clothing.
- ★ **Parent Teacher Consultations** – Week commencing 11th March. Thank you to all parents who have booked appointments.
- ★ **Friday 22nd March** – Grown Ups in for Golden Time.

Miss Beggs ☺