



Summer 2 2019 2nd Half Term – Acorn

The final half-term is upon us and we are starting to prepare the children for transition into a new year group. This is a very exciting half-term with Team Woodland class assemblies, transition events and sports day.

Last term, we learnt about minibests. The children loved learning facts about different bugs that they come across outside. We had many busy bug hunters roaming around the outdoor areas and carefully catching insects to put into our bug hotel. A popular week of learning focussed on bees with the children learning about different jobs that bees do to work as one big team. The children embraced this learning and enjoyed creating mini-bees as well as bubble wrap print beehives which they were eager to put up on display for all to see.

This term, we are learning about 'growing'. We will be planting sunflowers, beans and different vegetables. We know that the children will be excited about seeing the plants growing and are sure that they will take responsibility for watering the plants daily. With the transition into Reception happening we will also discuss how we grow and change.

Please could we ask that you send in a named baby picture of your child to help with our activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

With the transition into Reception fast approaching we will be having lots of discussions with the children about how they are feeling and what they are looking forward to. We will encourage the children to express their feelings clearly.

Communication & Language

Acorn are looking forward to seeing many parents at our class assembly coming up soon. We are hoping that this will be a good opportunity for the children to speak about their learning whilst developing confidence to speak in front of an audience.

Physical Development

Sports day will be a fantastic chance for the children to show off their developing gross-motor skills. They have been working hard during hall sessions and outdoor activities to get ready for Sports day and are looking forward to seeing you all there to support us on what will be a really fun day.

Literacy

Our knowledge of phonics has really come along so well in the last term. The children are interested in writing during free flow and are beginning to write their names and write the sounds they have been learning. This will remain our focus for the rest of the year.

Maths

As a final push before Reception we will be engaging the children in activities using money, 2d shapes and creating repeating patterns with real objects. We will also continue to extend their number knowledge through correspondence counting and recognising numerals.

Understanding the World

This term the children will be learning about life-cycles and watching plants grow. We will look at what plants and vegetables need to grow and how we can care for them in the environment. We are hoping that there will be opportunities to observe the process of decay as well and what happens to plants and vegetables over time.

Expressive Arts

This term with our focus on growing the children will be given opportunities to do some observational paintings. They will be able to look closely at different flowers and plants and paint their own versions of them. We will be looking at Van Gogh's Sunflowers.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ As the weather is warming up, please ensure you apply sun cream on your child before the school day starts. It is not necessary to bring sun cream in.
- ★ All children are required to have a Hilltop sun hat which can be bought from the uniform shop.
- ★ Some children are coming to school without a water bottle. Please could all parents ensure that a named Hilltop water bottle is sent in every day.
- ★ **Hilltop Friends Summer Fair:** 29th June.
- ★ **Acorn class assembly:** Thursday 4th July.
- ★ **Sports Day:** 8th July

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