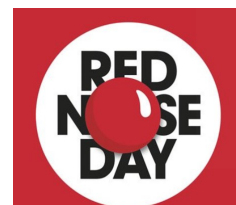


February Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day.

The school councillors along with Mrs Kirby are planning a bake sale to raise money. More information will follow closer to the time.



Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March - Parents Evening

Monday 28th March - Autism Awareness Week

Wednesday 30th March - 9am. Parent Workshop 'Anxiety and Young People', further information to follow.

Wednesday 6th April - 9:15am. Easter Assembly

Thursday 7th April - Easter Event after school. More information will follow closer to the time.

Monday 11th April - School Closes for Easter

Monday 25th April - School Reopens

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and that you have had a chance to take a look at your child's class newsletter and curriculum overview that give details of the learning for this half term.

As you will see we have a busy half term planned in the classrooms and we are especially looking forward to welcoming you into school to join us for the events that we have coming up, so please look out for more details about these.

You will receive your child's progress report before parents evening, once again we will offer you the choice of a telephone or face to face consultation with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support for NSPCC Number Day and Storytelling Week, we hope you enjoy the photographs of these events as well as Safer Internet Day and Wellbeing

Wednesday - so much amazing learning that took place!



Please let us know at drop off if someone different collecting child or if there is a change to the normal arrangement. The adult on door will then write it down. If changes to arrangements happen during the day please do ring Mrs Hope-Collins in the office.



Wellies are brilliant for the wet weather, they are not so great when you are trying to sit crossed legged on the carpet! Please send in a pair of shoes or pumps for your child to wear around school. Thanks.

Safer Internet Day

Acorns thought about what being online means and what the internet is. We thought about what we like to do on tablets or computers. We watched Jessie and her dog learn that while the internet can be enjoyable and fun, there are sometimes things online that can be upsetting or scary. Jessie learns that she can always speak to a grown-up who will be able to help her and put down the tablet if there is anything she sees or hears online that makes her feel worried, scared or sad.

We enjoyed singing the song that if something you see on line makes you feel funny in your tummy, then stop and go and tell a grown up. Oaks learnt about the age ratings on films and pegi ratings on computer games. They created some great posters.

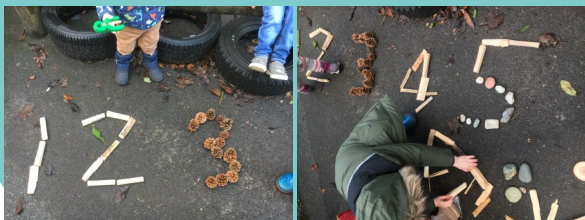


National Storytelling Week

In Acorns we love stories! We listened to lots of story tellers, our favorite was Tony Wilson telling the Gingerbread Man story. We brought in our favorite books The children were really enthused telling us about why it was their favorite and sharing it with their friends. We retold stories with puppets and we shared ideas how to make our book corner more engaging. Take a peek at how it looks now!

NSPCC Number Day

We found out how the NSPCC works to keep children safe. We enjoyed taking part in activities to raise money for the NSPCC. We dressed up by wearing numbers, made number crowns, played number games and we made numbers outside from natural materials.



Wellbeing Wednesday

Our Wellbeing day was during Children's Mental Health Week. This years theme was *Growing Together*. Oaks thought carefully about what makes them happy and what helps them to grow.

Acorns read a lovely book called 'Seeds' and thought about the cress seeds that we were going to nurture and grow. They thought about our own growth as humans and how we can grow too by choosing our own seeds of kindness to spread around. They also enjoyed reading 'Happy: A Children's Book of Mindfulness' They then thought about how smiling makes us feel and how we feel when someone smiles at us.

Acorns



We have had a super start to our new topic. We have started with a focus on how to keep healthy. The children have enjoyed learning about dental hygiene, how to clean their teeth properly and foods that are good and bad for our teeth. We are doing a tooth brushing chart for a week. We also learnt all about Shrove Tuesday and why it is celebrated and had fun making and eating pancakes. World book day was great fun we really enjoyed dressing up as book characters and reading lots of fun stories. Thankyou to our parents for reading us these lovely books their children's favorites.

We would also like to invite parents into the classroom at the end of everyday.

Oaks

This week in Oaks we have begun a new project design technology project which will answer the question: Why do we have playgrounds and how do they work?

We thought about what we might see in a playground and then used different materials to make simple models.

We found it quite challenging! Why was it wobbly? Why did it fall over? How do I make it spin? There was lots of talk and lots of problem solving.

