

January Newsletter



Happy New Year!

What a busy start to 2022 we have had!

Thanks to parents and carers who attended our RSE information sessions – thanks for engaging so positively with this; please do get in touch if you need more information on RSE. You will soon be able to find out more about this and everything else we've been up to when we launch our new website – watch this space for further exciting details...!

We hope you have enjoyed our Class Newsletters and that they gave you a flavour of some of the brilliant learning that's been going on.

At the start of this term we welcomed Mrs Dear into Acorns on Fridays. She's been busy getting to know everyone and the children are enjoying spending lots of time learning outdoors on Friday mornings, starting off within the school grounds and soon they will begin to explore the local area.

Free Boxing Classes for Kids

Families in receipt of Free School Meals (KS2+) can access free classes this term at Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy with funding from Sport England. Please contact Josie McNamara on 07989 538044.



<https://www.northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk/pages/term-time-classes>

Dates for your diary

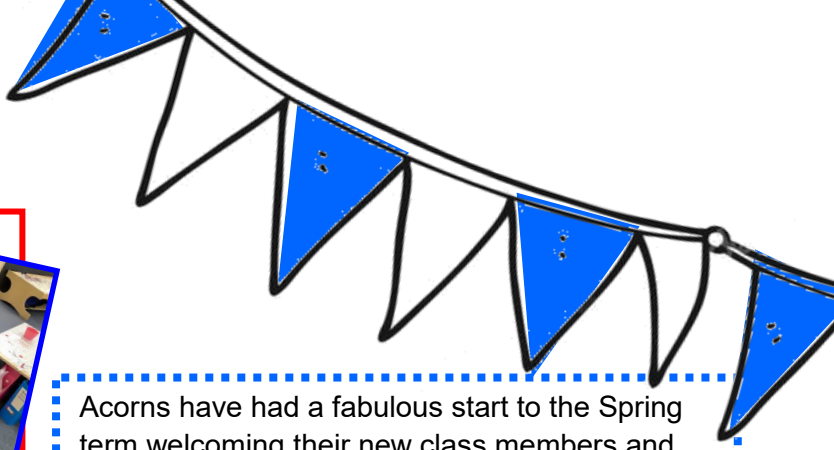
- Monday 31st January** – National Storytelling Week
- Friday 4th February** – NSPCC Number Day
- Monday 7th February** – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 8th February** – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 9th February** – Wellbeing Wednesday
- Friday 18th February** – School closes for Half Term
- Monday 28th February** – School Reopens
- Thursday 3rd March** - World Book Day
- Wednesday 16th March** - Beep Beep Day (road safety) <https://www.brake.org.uk/>
- Friday 18th March** - Red Nose Day
- Monday 28th March** - Autism Awareness Week
- Friday 8th April** - School Closes for Easter
- Monday 25th April** - School Reopens

Absence Messages

Please ring and leave a message as early as you can, stating why your child will not be in school. Let us know if the absence is covid related so that we can record the absence appropriately. Thank you.



Acorns



Acorns have had a fabulous start to the Spring term welcoming their new class members and making friends.

We have been learning all about animals and reflecting on what makes animals amazing. The children's knowledge, questioning and vocabulary has been incredible! Take a look at what they know and want to know.

We began by exploring the Arctic and researching which animals live there, we are now reading *'Poles Apart'* and making maps and small world re-creations of the Arctic and Antarctic. Ask the children why polar bears and penguins never meet in the wild.

What do I want to find out about animals from Polar regions?

- Why is an Arctic fox white?
- Why do polar bears growl?
- How do polar bears die?
- Why are they endangered?
- How do penguins swim?
- What animals live in the Arctic?
- How do polar bears swim fast?
- How are polar bears not cold when they live on the ice?

- Why do polar bears look the same?
- Why are Beluga whales white?



Oaks

Our big question this term is 'What's with all the chimneys?'

To answer this question, we have begun to explore our locality. We first located the United Kingdom and Yorkshire in an atlas, we couldn't find Hebden Bridge though, so we used Google Earth. We then learnt our addresses and looked them up on Google Earth. We noticed that the pictures were of the top of our homes. This led us to learn about aerial views and plans before then creating a plan of our classroom.

Where will we go next, I wonder?

