

Spring term 1 2026



Welcome back Acorn parents and children! I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break. Our topic for this half term is 'Our Wonderful World.' The children will be going on an adventure and learning about Space, Earth and dinosaurs. You will find an outline of planning on the back of this sheet. We will be ending our topic with a dinosaur workshop with Somerset Heritage.

Afternoon snack

Snack and milk will be provided by the school in the mornings. Please can all children bring in a healthy snack to have in the afternoon. A reminder that we are a NUT FREE school.

Bookbags:

Please ensure children are bringing their bookbag into school each day. If you read with your child please write in their reading record, this will be checked every Friday by a Reception staff member.

P.E.

P.E. will be every Thursday this term. Please can all children continue to come into school dressed in their PE kits every **Thursday**.

Presentations

Continuing this term, the children will have the opportunity to present to their peers on a topic of their choosing. All children have been given a specific date. Presentation needn't last longer than 5 minutes and can include props, images, video clips or powerpoint slides. Over the course of their time at school, we will be helping children learn the skills needed to speak with confidence and authority on subjects they are passionate about. Please look on the Oracy presentations letter for the Oracy foci for both Spring term and Summer term.

Name labels

Please, please, please make sure everything is labelled! We're sure you can appreciate that with 20 small children, all in matching clothes, it can be difficult to keep track of belongings so names on all items would be much appreciated. Thank you to those of you who have already labelled everything.

Outdoor Learning:

Please ensure children have an **outdoor coat** and **wellies** in school at all times. These can be stored on the welly racks outside the classroom.

Spare clothes

Please can all children bring in some named spare clothes to keep in their individual box. Children will have access to water, sand, malleable resources so may on occasion get a little wet or messy.

Collection

To ensure the safety of all children, I kindly request you **review your child's Arbor account and add any additional adults** to indicate who is able to collect. If it is a one off collection, please ensure you have spoken to **a member of Acorn class staff or email the school office**; without consent we will not be able to let your child leave.

Important dates for this term:

Nursery/Reception- Coffee, cake and reading- Wednesday 28th January

Careers Week- Week beginning Monday 2nd February

Nursery/Reception- Pop up village role play experience- Tuesday 3rd February

EY/KS1/KS2 Discos- Wednesday 4th February

With best wishes,

Mrs Long

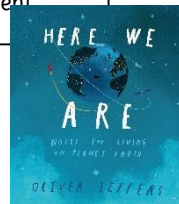
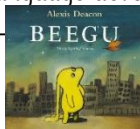


Communication, Language and Literacy

Our class focus texts this term are 'Beegu' 'by Alexis Deacon, 'Here we are: notes for living on planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and 'Dear Dinosaur' by Chai Strathie.

We will also explore some non-fiction texts that link to Space, Earth and dinosaurs.

This term the children are focusing on adjectives and spelling words using their phonological knowledge. They will also be developing their Oracy skills through language development.



Understanding the World

This term, our theme across the trust is 'Science and Tech'

We will be learning about:

- Wider environment e.g. Space
- Comparisons from Space and Earth
- Our natural environment and changes in the seasons
- Where I live



Expressive Arts and Design

In Art, we will be experimenting with a variety of resources throughout our daily provision to explore colour, line and shape.

We will also invent and adapt narratives and stories with peers using role play, linking to our topic of Space.



Faith & Belief

Our value this term is 'Wisdom'.

We will be learning about different religions and how they celebrate.



Mathematics

In Maths, we will continue to count numbers 1:1 **correspondence** to 5, and later in the term to 10.

We will begin to explore the **composition** of numbers 0 to 5.

We will continue to sing number songs and rhymes to continue to consolidate our **fluency** in counting.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our school theme for this half term is 'Dreams and Goals!'

We will be thinking about:

1. Friendship
2. Our rights and responsibilities
3. Feelings and emotions- How we can be: school.
4. How we can be safe outside of school



Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills through weaving, pencil control and threading activities.

Acorn class will be having weekly P.E lesson with Mrs Long, focusing on fundamental skills e.g. running, jumping, coordination, throwing, catching and kicking a ball.