

Spring term 2 2026



Welcome back Acorn parents and children! I hope everyone has had a lovely half term. Our topic for this half term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!'. The children will be exploring some non-fiction texts that link to plants and life-cycles. You will find an outline of planning on the back of this sheet.

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. I have noticed a big increase with children bringing unhealthy snacks into school. **Friday is the only day for children to bring in an unhealthy snack, not on Mondays-Thursdays.** We only have 10 minutes for the children to eat their snack in the afternoon so please only provide two small snacks for your child to eat.

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 with Mr Williams. 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:

Mother's Day Celebration- Thursday 12th March- 2:15pm

New Date- Reception Welcome Wednesday- Wednesday 18th March- 2:15pm (changed from April 2nd)

Mrs Long's last day with Acorn class- Friday 20th March

With best wishes,

Mrs Long

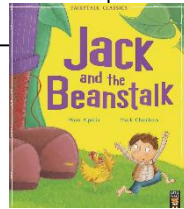
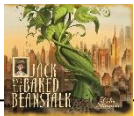


Communication, Language and Literacy

Our class focus texts this term is a variety of story alternatives of the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

We will also explore some non-fiction texts that link to plants and life-cycles.

Throughout the Spring Term, the children will continue to learn to read, write and blend their set 1,2,3 phonics sounds. They will start to write simple sentences and use simple punctuation.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to experiment with a variety of resources throughout our daily provision to explore colour, line, shape and materials.

We will also invent and adapt narratives and stories with peers during role play.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be continuing to use number songs and rhymes to **recognise** and **recall** numbers to 10 and up to 20.

We will continue to count numbers with 1:1 **correspondence** to 10 and up to 20.

We will continue to explore the **composition** of numbers 0 to 10.



Understanding the World

This term, our theme across the trust is 'Place and Time'

We will be learning about:

- Exploring a variety of plants
- Labelling parts of a plant
- Our natural environment and changes in the seasons
- Where I live- maps
- Draw information from a simple map.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.



Faith & Belief

Our value this term is '**Forgiveness**'.

We will be exploring the events such as Shrove Tuesday, Lent and a strong focus on the Easter Story.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our school theme for this half term is 'How to Stay Healthy' We will be thinking about:

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



Physical Development

We continue to develop our fine motor skills through mark making, cutting, building using construction, threading activities.

Gross motor will be developed through daily access to outside provision, access to balance bikes, PE equipment to develop co-ordination, control and balance and through P.E lessons.