

## Autumn Term 2 2025



Welcome Acorn parents and children! It has been a fantastic start to the year! Our topic for this half term is 'Look at us Glow.' We will be learning about different celebrations and festivals around the world. 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.

### P.E.

P.E. will be on every Thursday, please send your child into school in their PE kit. This term PE will be with Mr Williams.

### Presentations

Children will have the opportunity to present to their peers on a topic of their choosing. The 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. **All children have been given a date for this term for their Oracy presentation.**

### Tapestry

Tapestry activation links have now been sent home to all parents. We would love to see what your child gets up to at home. Please upload pictures and videos to Tapestry so your child can share these memories with their peers. You are also able to upload any photos or observations of your child whilst at home!

### 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.

### Spare clothes and wellies

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. All children will also need a pair of named wellies, we will be going on wellie walks and visiting Forest School.

### 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:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November-** Cultural day for all children Reception- Year 6. All children to come dressed in colour clothes. As part of this day all classes have an African drumming workshop. If you haven't already done so, please go onto Arbor and pay £3.65. **If you haven't made payment, your child will not take part in this workshop.**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November-** We are having a class party as part of our celebration topic this term. This will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. All children to come dressed in party clothes.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December-** Reception Nativity- 2:15pm. Letters will be sent out shortly.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Fayre and Carols- 1:30pm onwards. More information will be shared soon.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas jumper/Christmas dinner

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Musical storytelling performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. More information will be shared soon.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Long



Communication, Language and Literacy

Our class focus texts this term are 'Little Glow' by Katie Sahota, 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and 'We're going to a Birthday Party' by Martha Mumford.

We will continue to learn phonics through our RWI scheme. We will begin to read and write CVC words and blend sounds.

Developing children's communication and language skills is at the heart of everything that we do in Reception. We provide open-ended resources and opportunities for collaborative play, as well as role play and small world areas, which enhance children's speaking and listening skills.



Expressive Arts and Design

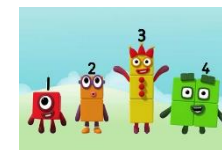
In Art, we will be experimenting with a variety of resources throughout our daily provision to explore colour, line and shape.

In Music, we will be learning traditional songs in readiness for our Nativity.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be using number songs and rhymes to continue to consolidate our **fluency** in counting.

We will also continue to develop our understanding of numbers below 10 through a **mastery** approach.



Understanding the World

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

We will be learning about:

- Bonfire Night and fireworks
- Diwali and Thanks Giving
- Birthdays and Christmas
- Weddings and Christenings
- Advent
- Our natural environment and changes in the seasons
- Where I live



Let's Celebrate!!



Faith & Belief

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

We will be looking at 'Special Times' and celebrations as well as thinking about special places and special people in our lives.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our school theme for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences!' We will be thinking about:

1. What am I good at?
2. I'm Special! I'm me!
3. Families
4. Houses and home
5. Making friends



Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills through weaving, pencil control and threading activities. We will also be using Balance Buddy Bikes and Real PE with Mr Williams to develop our gross motor skills and coordination.