



ACORN NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2023



Assistant Head teacher of Inclusion: Miss Martin		Acorn Administration: Mrs Wood
Butterfly Class	Bumblebee Class	Interventions
Mrs Durkin	Mrs Diplock	Life Skills: Mrs Durkin
LSA: Mrs Cook, Mrs Lindsay, Miss Whyte, Mrs Wassell	LSA: Mrs Powell, Mr Lynch, Mrs Gasson,	Speech & Language: Ms Furneaux, Mrs Ireland, Ms Gaskell, Mrs Lindsay
Afternoon LSA support: Miss Whyte, Mrs Carter, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Charlton, Miss Sharma, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Wood, Miss Rochford, Mrs Cook, Miss Dawkins, Mrs Islami, Mr Lynch, Mrs Wassell, Mrs Gasson, Mrs Powell		

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that your child is back to school and ready to learn!

Curriculum and Home Learning	PE Days & PE Kits																								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overview for each half term will be sent via Marvellous Me. This details what the children will be working on each week but is <i>subject to change</i>. • For additional information on the Acorn Centre curriculum, please refer to the school website. • We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Please support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems doing so. • Where possible, please work on your child's individual targets. These are sent home each term, at half term (October, February, May). • All home learning for online platforms will be set from week commencing 12th January 2023. • Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maths Shed tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week. ○ Children in Years 3-6 can practice their times tables using the Times Table Rock Stars site. • English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading – A reading book is sent home twice a week with your child's reading record on a Tuesday and Friday. Bug Club books are also set for your child to access online. ○ When your child is secure with their phonic knowledge, they will be allocated books to read on Bug Club. Please ensure that your child reads daily on Bug Club answering the comprehension questions as they read. ○ Spelling – Children who are ready to attempt spellings, will have spellings set on a Friday using Spelling Shed. • Username and passwords for online home learning will be sent via Marvellous Me. 	<p>One PE session will be with the children's mainstream class and the other will be in the Acorn Centre as part of our gross motor and occupational therapy provision. Please refer to your child's Year group newsletter for details about their PE days.</p> <p>Children are not required to wear their PE kit for Acorn sessions.</p> <p>The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on their mainstream PE days. Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name and no jewellery is worn on PE days.</p> <tr style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;"> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Marvellous Me</th> </tr> <p>Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as to celebrate your child's successes. It is essential that you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly. </p> <p>Your child's home-school communication book will be used to communicate key information, such as sleep issues and medication. Please send this in daily and initial any messages.</p> <tr style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white;"> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</th> </tr> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">3rd January</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Inset Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th January</td> <td>Horse Riding – Bumblebee, Group 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17th January</td> <td>MUFTI Day (TBC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7th February</td> <td>Parents' Evening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8th February</td> <td>Parents' Evening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th February</td> <td>End of Spring 1 (3:15pm finish)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20th February</td> <td>INSET Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd March</td> <td>World Book Day (TBC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24th March</td> <td>Acorn Celebration Morning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31st March End of</td> <td>Spring 2 (2:00pm finish)</td> </tr> </table> <p>More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.</p>	Marvellous Me		Important Dates		3 rd January	Inset Day	5 th January	Horse Riding – Bumblebee, Group 2	17 th January	MUFTI Day (TBC)	7 th February	Parents' Evening	8 th February	Parents' Evening	10 th February	End of Spring 1 (3:15pm finish)	20 th February	INSET Day	2 nd March	World Book Day (TBC)	24 th March	Acorn Celebration Morning	31 st March End of	Spring 2 (2:00pm finish)
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At APPS, we follow The Literary Curriculum with Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 6 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
			
<i>The Tiny Seed</i> Eric Carle	<i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i> Raymond Briggs	<i>The Magic Paintbrush</i> Julia Donaldson and Joel Stewart	<i>Super Milly and the Super School Day</i> Stephanie Clarkson

We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access their full potential.

Life Skills

Your child will have one session per week focused around life skills. Throughout the year we will be covering a range of content including: relationships and friendships, routines, rules and expectations, organisational skills, self-care, people who help us, emotions, similarities and differences, the wider community, and aspirations.

Celebration of Autumn Term Learning!

The children thoroughly enjoyed our texts this term and engaged in discussions about friends and friendships. We had fun during our Celebration Morning, as we proudly shared our adults with our learning.



For further information or queries, please check the school website or twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Acorn Centre Team