



# Autumn 2020 Acorn Class: Reception an Year 1



## Theme: 'Once upon a time...'

### How you can help...

#### English





- To support their writing, model to your child the correct formation of letters that you notice they incorrectly form or write in reverse.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about the texts that we are focusing on; explain, in their own words, new vocabulary that they have learnt and used in their own reading and writing.
- Practise and consolidate reciting the letter sounds alphabet to develop their recall. Then move onto the letter names of the alphabet.



#### Reading Record

- Your child's Reading Record and reading book will be taken home and returned to school every day, in the reading wallet provided.
- You can support by listening to and reading with your child each day and by asking your child questions about their book e.g. what is the character like? How do they know? What is the story setting? What they think will happen next?
- **Please record your and your child's comments in their reading records when you have listened to your child read.**

#### Blending Books for Reception and Year 1

- Children will also bring home a blending book. This contains key words that contain the sounds that they have learnt this week in class. To aid your child's progress in blending these words, please spend a **few minutes each evening** with your child reading over the words encouraging your children to sound out the sounds and blend the words.

 <b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about numbers that you and your child may see at home and whilst out and about.</li> <li>• Encourage your child to use their maths applying skills in a variety of 'practical and real-life' situations e.g. adding up amounts whilst shopping, working out what coins can be used to pay and how much change they will be given.</li> <li>• For Reception, recognise, count and order numbers up to 20 and beyond. Encourage your child to count from any number, not just starting from number 1.</li> <li>• For Year 1, encourage your children to spot shapes in the local area, tell the time to the hour and half past and practice their adding and subtracting in real life situations.</li> </ul>
 <b>Topic: History Geography, Art &amp; Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit your local library and help your child to find texts linked to our History and Geography topic that you can read together.</li> <li>• Discuss the Royal Family with your children, help them to understand the key people in the Royal Family and what their role in society is.</li> <li>• Encourage your children to experiment with colour and texture when completing art activities.</li> </ul>
 <b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss different plants and the structure of the plants.</li> <li>• Discuss how different plants grow and what different plants need to grow.</li> <li>• Discuss the different seasons. See if you can find key features of autumn.</li> </ul>
 <b>Computing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk through with your child about turning computers on/off and logging in.</li> <li>• If possible provide your child with an opportunity to type (on PC, laptop or tablet) so that they become more familiar with the location of the letter keys and key buttons (Return/Enter, Backspace, Shift, Caps lock and Delete).</li> </ul>

 <b>Physical Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's PE kit needs to be in school <b>all week</b> for their PE lessons with Mrs Townson on Wednesday.</li> <li>• Your child will need their outdoor PE kit with trainers and their indoor PE kit with plimsolls.</li> <li>• <b>Please ensure all kit is named</b> so that all lost items are returned to the correct owner and that <b>long hair is tied back</b>.</li> </ul>
 <b>Religious Education, PSHE &amp; Values for Life.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk with your child about their own questions they have about Christianity as well as the views of others; friends and family.</li> <li>• Encourage your child to take an interest in 'What is in the News', on television, in newspapers or on the radio.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or Mrs Townson if you have any further questions regarding Acorn class routines and this term's curriculum.</i></p> <p><b>Class teacher: Miss Hannah Gee</b>                      <b>Classroom assistant: Mrs Rhian Townson</b></p>	