

Little Acorns

Spring term 2 2024-25



Communication, language and literacy

Our main text for this half-term is “Poles Apart” which is a lovely story that will help us to explore world! We will be sequencing the events of the story and improving our spoken language skills by asking lots of questions. This story also gives us lots of new vocabulary to use and leads us to look at non-fiction texts about the animals and places

In phonics we will consolidate phase 3 and practice using our phase 2 and 3 GPCs to read longer words. We will continue to apply our phonics knowledge to spelling and use this to help us write simple sentences.

Practising our transcription skills is a really big focus at the moment and we are working our way through the letter families to ensure we have correct letter formation.

Physical development

In our weekly PE lessons we will be developing skills in expressive movements to music. The better weather will mean that we will get on our bikes and scooters as much as possible as well as handling large scale construction equipment to help develop our gross motor skills.

Our fine motor skills will be developed with regular activities to help us with pencil control and handwriting.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school every day. We will send all kit home at half-term to be washed unless this needs to happen earlier.



Mathematics

We will be looking at the composition of numbers to 10 as well as early addition skills. We will also be exploring doubles and odd and even patterns. We will also continue to explore length, height, time and 3D shapes.



Personal, social and emotional development

One of our “Branch out” targets is the ability to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. We will be helping the children to recognise this and develop this strength throughout this half term.

We will also be looking at how to be a safe pedestrian as we discuss what to do and watch out for in our school car park and the busy roads they encounter on their journey to and from school.



Understanding the world

We will look at maps, globes and atlases to see where the characters in “Poles Apart” travel. This will also help us to explore some of the countries they travel through so we can look at how they are the same or different from the UK. As early spring approaches we will become nature detectives and see what clues we can find that the natural world is changing with the season.

Towards the end of the term the children will find out about what Easter means to Christians and why it is celebrated.



Expressive arts and design

We will be exploring ways of representing the colours and textures of land, sea and ice-caps which we find on a globe with different media.

We will be observing nature carefully as the season changes so we will be working hard to develop our observational drawing skills. We will also use water colour paints for the first time to help us add some spring colour to our drawings.

We love listening to different kinds of music and like to think about how the music makes us feel and what movements we can make. Singing is also an important part of our day and we will sing about our “Wonderful World” and traditional rhymes about spring and Easter.

Reminder



New reading books and updated phonics books are sent home every Friday along with a sharing/library book which your child has chosen from our class collection. Please make sure that ALL books (reading and shared) are returned every Friday so that other children can enjoy them too.

Please send in this half term's snack money (£6.00) so that we can continue to provide a range of snacks (including pancakes and Easter treats this term!) beyond the government provided fruit and veg. Please send this in a named envelope to staff in Little Acorns and not added on to any bank payments you may make to the office. Thank you.

And finally....



We are already half way through the children's first year of school – where has the time gone?! Everyone has changed and developed so much in the time they have been with us and they have all made huge progress in all areas. We are so very proud of them and know that you must be too. Thank you for your continued support, this goes a long way to helping your child have a happy and successful time in school.

If you have any questions, queries, concerns or wish to share any information with me then please get in touch via the Class Dojo app, or email the office: office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk or directly to me at: j.kenny@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk

Key Dates:

Tuesday 4th March and Thursday 6th March – Parents Consultations

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 7th March – Rec/KS1 celebration assembly

Friday 21st March – Rec/KS1 celebration assembly

Monday 31st March 10.00am – Rocksteady concert for parents of children involved.

Friday 4th April – Break up for Easter