

Acorn Class Welcome Letter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hello and welcome to Selsted School. We are looking forward to welcoming the children and starting their school adventure. In this letter, you will find the necessary information to best support your child's start to their time in Reception. If you have any queries regarding the information, feel free to speak to Miss Peak at the beginning or end of the school day.

PE

Acorn class will begin their first PE session on **Monday 7th of September**. Our PE days for this year will be Mondays and Wednesdays. On these days, we ask that children come to school in their PE kit, which includes the appropriate footwear (trainers).

Footwear

If they choose to, Acorn children may wish to bring in their own pair of slippers to wear during our indoor 'busy acorn time'. We then keep these in a box in the classroom for each child to access when needed. Additionally, as the weather becomes damper it would be great for Acorns to have their own wellies in school to wear during play and lunchtimes. These can be stored in a bag on their pegs or on the cloak room shelf. Please ensure all items that come in are clearly named.

Home Reading

Reading is an important element of early learning and supports children to become imaginative and inspired learners. Each week, acorn children will take home a reading book which is matched to their current level. These will be changed on a Monday and Friday – please ensure that read books are placed in their bookbag on these days ready to be changed. Once a child has read with a parent or guardian, it is important for a small note to be written in their reading record to ensure that school staff are able to continue to select the appropriate books and can support their progress.

Learning Journals and Sound Books

Each child in Acorns has their own purple learning journal which will go home in their book bags. In these, you may wish to add photographs or a small piece of writing about what they have been up to at home. The children really enjoy sharing these during snack time! The learning journal will also include a page with suggested activities that can be completed at home and recorded within the journal. There is no set time to complete these and children can complete them in any order. When we have begun our phonics learning, a green sound book will go home in which our daily sound is stuck in. On each page, you can support your child to

find and stick or draw an image that correlates to the initial sound. If you have any questions about the books please do let me know.

Parent Phonics and Maths workshops

To best support you in understanding how your child learns in the Early Years Foundation Stage, we will be running a phonics and maths workshop. These will take place at the following times:

- Phonics and Reading - Friday 11th September – 11.30
- Maths – Friday 18th September – 11.30

Please sign in at the office and proceed to the Acorn classroom backdoor to meet. The sessions will focus on giving you an insight into what your child will learn throughout the year and will also give guidance for how best to support your child at home.

Thank you

Miss Peak