



Acorn Class Weekly Roundup

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful week in Acorn class and the children are settling in beautifully. This week, we have focused on forming relationships and getting to know our classroom. Each morning, the children have shown more confidence with our daily routines and myself and Mrs Smee have been really impressed with their independence.

Each morning, the children have been taking part in 'Busy Hands' activities, which focus on building and strengthening their fine motor control in preparation for writing. Our activities this week have included threading beads, matching lolly pop sticks, building Lego models and using tweezers to sort pom-poms in to their colours.

Acorn class began the week with their first PE session on Monday. On Mondays, our focus will be basketball and we began by practicing our ball skills. We learnt how to roll the ball gently across the hall and then focused on how to stop it carefully. In pairs, we practiced these skills by rolling the ball to each other. To help us to feel more confident with our fellow classmates, we then practiced rolling the ball whilst in a circle and had a go at saying the name of the friend we were rolling to.

On Monday, we also began our phonics learning. The children were so enthusiastic and showed great understanding. They have enjoyed discovering which new letter they will hear each morning. This week, we have covered the following sounds: *s,a,t,p*. Each sound is represented by an image which supports the children to understand how the letter sounds. As well as this, we have been looking at 'what's in the box' and matching the objects to the correct sounds. We have begun to blend simple words from the sounds we have learnt such as '*sat*', '*mat*' and '*pat*'.

The acorn children have been having a fantastic time exploring their new classroom and outside area and it has been wonderful to see their imaginations come alive. Each day, we take part in 'Busy Acorn Time', in which the children can access the provision and take part in activities linked to our daily/ weekly learning. Our activities have given us the opportunity to recognise the letters in our names, practice counting and ordering numbers to 5 and to explore our phonics sounds through tracing with paintbrushes in glitter, flour and rice. In the outside area this week, we have been busy in the mud kitchen and using our gross motor skills to ride the bikes and scooters.

Maths workshop

To best support you in understanding how your child learns in the Early Years Foundation Stage, we will be running a maths workshop. This will take place on Friday 18th September at 11.30am.

Please sign in at the office and proceed to the Acorn class outside door to meet. The sessions will focus on giving you an insight in to 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

