



Hello and welcome back to Nursery; we hope you all had a great Christmas break and wish you all a happy new Year. We would also like to welcome our new children who have started with us this term.

Our topic this half term is...

We are going on an adventure!

This half term we will be using some great stories to go on adventures. 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' is a fabulous story all about a journey to find a bear and the different challenges along the way. 'Whatever Next' is all about a bear who decides to embark on a journey to the moon and what he will need to take with him. 'Eliot, Midnight Superhero' is all about a boy who is normal by day then at night in his dreams he can become whoever he wants. We will use these stories to support the children's learning and development.



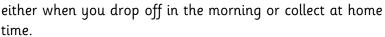
Parents evening

I would like to thank all our parents who were able to attend parents evening, it was wonderful to have time to speak to you all about your child's learning and progress. Please remember if you need to speak to me at any time we can arrange a meeting.

Home reading books!

- 🕺 Well done to our children who have been
- $\stackrel{}{\leftarrow}$ changing their reading books, they are really

- enjoying all the different books we have at
 - school. Remember to choose a book to share at home and swap for another; this can be done



<u>Uniform and bags</u>

Please ensure that all items of clothing including your child's bag are clearly labelled with their full name. Your child will be learning indoors and outdoors everyday so please send your child with a coat everyday.

Nappies and Pull ups...

If your child is coming to Nursery in nappies or pull ups please can you ensure that you have spares available in their peg bag in case we have to change them. We are here to support you and your child whilst you are toilet training.



Friday 24th January- Chinese New Year Tuesday 11th February- Acorns open evening 3pm. Wednesday 12th February - Conkers open evening 3pm. Tuesday11th February— safer internet day Friday, 14th February— TE Day—school closed for pupils

Our Christian Values...

Our school Christian Values are Love, Hope, Honesty, Gentleness, Kindness, Forgiveness, Respect, Tolerance, Patience, Joy, Friendship and Thankfulness. These Christian Values are important to our whole school community. They help us in our decision making, how we work together and our daily lives. We actively teach these values to all children. The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:

The children will learn how to be a good friend and what it feels like when others are good friends to them. Children will learn ways that they can be kind to one another and how their positive actions can make others feel. We will begin to talk about God and Jesus and who were his good friends. We will teach children to consider their own actions and use puppets to explore what happens when others are not kind and how they can 'put things right'. Children will learn to say sorry and to be forgiven using the 4 step apology to resolve disagreements.

The children will be taught how to listen to each other and to adults and to show respect for each other's ideas, feelings and opinions. The children will also learn to show respect by looking after equipment and our environment. We will use stories to talk about their experiences of festivals and celebrations and how important they are to our school church.

*** Our phonics activities will be supporting children's ability to identify initial sounds in words through games and activities and separating words into their syllables and clapping them out.

Our numeracy will focus on recognising numbers 0-5 and representing these using pictures, their fingers and Numicon. Also we will be exploring different ways to separate a group of objects into two groups and supporting the children to understand that the total is still the same.

A quick reminder... Our normal session times are as follows.

Acorn Class: Monday and Tuesday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm. Wednesday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 11:30am.

- Conker Class: Wednesday sessions start at 12:20pm and finish at 3:00pm. Thursday and Friday sessions start at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm.
- Sunshine Children (children who are attending 30 hours): Your sessions are 8:50am till 3:00pm every day.

Key Groups...

The children are part of a key group and will spend time in their groups for specific learning activities. These groups are led by Mrs Cox, Mrs Hood, Mrs Andrews and Miss Gwilliams **************

Spare Clothes...

We are in desperate need of spare clothes to change children into should they have an accident. If you have any of our spare clothes, please return them. Please make sure your child has spare clothes in their peg bag.

