

Organisation

Start time: 8.50am
End time: 3.15pm

All children can enter the classroom as they arrive through the main gate. Children will have an early morning activity ready for them as they prepare for the school day. All children will leave school at 3.15pm. Please ensure children arrive on time and the office is informed of any absence by 9am.

PE Days

PE days are Wednesday and Friday and children should come in to school **wearing** their PE kit. They can either wear their Hexton colour or a plain white t-shirt and a blue or black tracksuit for outdoor games.



Reading

It is important that you try to hear your child read every day for at least 5-10 minutes. You could also read a story to your them so that they are exposed to a range of vocabulary.

Reading books will be changed weekly and it is important that your child has their reading books in school every day as they each read with an adult at least twice a week. It is also important that you comment in their orange reading record to let me know how they are reading at home.

Spring Term 2022

We had a very positive start to the school year in September, and I am looking forward to building upon the fantastic progress that the children have made during the upcoming Spring Term. Mrs Hurley will continue to work with us Monday – Wednesday, and Miss Webster will be with us on Thursday – Friday.



Miss Murray
Acorn class teacher

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday, and should be returned to school by the following Tuesday. Children are encouraged to complete as much as they can in a reasonable amount of time for your child.

Homework will focus on the learning completed in school that week, to consolidate what has been taught in English, Maths and the foundation subjects. Children in KS1 will be set weekly spellings to support vocabulary building.

Reading continues to be a high priority for Reception, but this term there will also be a greater focus on writing basic sentences and sounding out simple words with the sounds learned in school.

Drama

This term, we are excited to take part in weekly drama sessions with Valerie from Ickle Drama. The lessons will support children develop important oracy skills and become confident presenting to an audience. This will be a great way for the children to explore their expressive side!



English

We will be reading the book 15 Things Not To Do With A Puppy by M.I.McAllister. From this we will be writing reports and instructions. In Reception, children will develop sentence skills by reading this story.

We will also be writing a report, so will be covering a wide range of writing genres. What other texts this term? Check this for sense



Maths

Reception: Children will continue to recognise numbers to 10, with the introduction of the concept of zero. We will be using lots of songs and stories to explore this further. **KS1:** Children will secure their understanding of place value, and counting up to 20 and 100. Children will also be learning about height, length and mass. Year 2 will be building upon their knowledge of multiplication and learning about division as the inverse.

Science

Our topic for this term will be Everyday Materials. We will be exploring the different types of materials, and investigating their different properties and purposes.

This will link into our history topic of The Great Fire of London, where we will be looking at the link between certain materials and fire. Is that true?



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Innovation

We will continue to think about safe practices online and make animated storybooks.

In DT, children will be designing and making Tudor houses to help create the scene of London at the time of The Great Fire Of London in 1666.

Humanities

As historians, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will look at the timeline of events, and the subsequent changes made to different aspects of life as a result of this event.

In Geography, we will be looking at human and physical features of places by comparing Hexton to London.

Wellbeing

In PSHE we will think about health and well being and will consider the part we play in living in the wider world.

In PE, we will be focusing on aspects of jumping and ball skills. Pupils will also enjoy a weekly session of yoga with Mrs Marsh.

In RE, we will be looking at the different ways we can give thanks to God, and learn about the Easter story.

The Arts

In Art, we will be learning about Christopher Wren and draw St Pauls Cathedral using charcoal.

In music, the children will continue to participate in a weekly session run by Hertfordshire Music Service. In class, we shall learn songs and poems related to our topics.

