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Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2015

Morning School Themes

Archie Bear has been dressed for Winter, prompting discussion and songs on wintry weather and how to keep warm, if we will have snow and noticing the changes in our garden - (daffodil shoots emerging through the grass - the trees that have not shed their leaves etc.)

Our main focus has been birds. The children have been involved in preparing bird cakes and placing them in the garden, together with the seed feeders. Later they will decide on a location for the bird hide and make 'binoculars' so that we can be bird spotters. We have used identification charts, books and posters and found information on our ipads including the different sounds that birds make and a wonderful BBC production about Emperor Penguins and their babies. The topic has crossed all areas of the curriculum. Nests with eggs have been modelled with playdoh, paintings and drawings have been made and in drama and yoga we have experimented with bird movements and shapes with our bodies.

We have started looking at letters and their sounds using "Read, Write, Inc" resources. We will introduce a letter a week, learn its sound, how to write it, listen to its sound in words and consolidate our knowledge



of previous letters. Do speak to Mrs King if you would like any more information.

Later in the term we will be exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and looking for shapes in our environment. After Half Term, 'Rhymes and Traditional Stories' will be our focus. We invite you to come and read a favourite story with your child's group - Mummies, Daddies, Grannies, Nannies - please be tempted as the children do love your involvement. In drama we will be following the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, learning songs and sounds to compliment the story!

Afternoon School

Our Red and Purple Afternoon Group children are well settled with more children joining after Easter. These two parallel groups enable us to keep the staff /child ratios high and ensure our youngest children get the individual attention and support they need at this important time and prepare them for the more structured curriculum of Foundation Stage in the Morning School. They have been enjoying busy afternoons with a balance of child initiated and teacher directed play, including music and dance and exploring the opportunities our large garden provides.



Diploma in Early Years Workforce level 3

Mrs Vicky Quinn and Miss Becca Camara are continuing with their studies to gain this valuable qualification which will enable them to work in the school. If you are interested in finding out more about this course do please either talk to them or Mrs Scarborough, who is our qualified 'in house' assessor. Interviews at Highlands for the Autumn intake will happen shortly.



Road Safety

As always we are aware of and concerned about Road Safety outside the school. Please ensure that you park near to the white wall, hold your child's hand at all times, and drive cautiously and slowly in the area.

Behaviour Policy

We continue to focus on good behaviour and encouraging all the children to say 'Good Morning' and 'Good Bye' at the start and end of each session. We are delighted to say that Acorn children are showing excellent manners in this area so please do not forget to support and remind them as they come into school.

Mother/Granny Helpers

Thank you to those who are running our snack times, where we are endorsing good manners and healthy eating, and helping with our cookery sessions.



Reminders

Please remember to put any gloves and hats (named) in the children's boxes and not on their pegs. Also if you are buying new shoes please consider how independently your child can manage changing them - (garden play/yoga) i.e no laces or tight trainers.

Open Music & Dance Sessions

We are holding Open Morning Music sessions in the week starting Monday 9th March and Open Afternoon Music and Dance sessions on the week commencing Monday 23rd March. Notices will be put on the board for you to sign up, nearer the time.

Dates for your diary

Half Term

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

End of Term - Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2015

Wednesday 15th April - Friday 10th July

Half Term

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Public Holidays

Monday 4th May

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