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SUMMER TERM 2019

Morning School Themes

We are already a few weeks into the summer term - the last term for our Foundation Stage children who we will be saying goodbye to in July. Looking back over photographs taken when they started with us they have all grown up so much in so many different ways.

Our early morning 'skills' session of a few minutes, everyday, working one to one with a teacher has helped to increase confidence in areas such as name recognition and writing, number and letter recognition, letter sounds and counting and has proved a popular 'stopping off' place for children as they arrive in the morning. All children develop at their own pace. Being aware of this, giving support and gentle encouragement, setting small and achievable steps, extending and challenging when appropriate are the fundamentals of a sound early years experience.



This half term one of our 'teacher led' themes has been 'people who help us.' We have had a visit from a vet which was so informative and interesting for the children. Our role play area has become a vet's surgery as a result. We have a visit planned by a fire fighter and a kind parent has offered to come in to talk about being

a physiotherapist. Good listening and attending are essential if children are to become good learners and listening to interesting speakers supports this.

After half term we plan to focus on the places children like to visit and plot them on a large map of Jersey. This year we are going to concentrate on our coast. With this in mind and half term approaching we will be asking for your child to bring in a photograph in their favourite coastal place to talk about to their peers. Mrs Scarborough can print the photograph for you if that is easier. Thank you in advance for your support!

'Colours and patterns all around us' will be our focus for the last few weeks of term.

There is always a balance between our 'teacher led' and 'child led' activities. When children are engaged in play following their own interests there is a deeper involvement and much higher level of learning. That junk model your child has brought home may not look perfect but in order to produce it independently many skills are needed - having ideas, being focused, not getting distracted, persevering when things are hard, sharing resources and using tools and techniques effectively. It's the process not the end product that is important and should be praised and valued!

Our lending library

Please do borrow books to share and enjoy with your child. Talking about the illustrations, the characters and the plot are great ways to prepare them for 'reading readiness'. As their knowledge and understanding of sounds in words develops (supported by our weekly introduction to letters using the Read, Write Inc programme) they can read along with you!

Transition

Arrangements are now being made by some of the receiving schools for the reception staff to visit the children here in our setting. It is a very relaxed way to familiarise the children with new faces in what can be for some, a worrying time. There will be opportunities for you to visit your new school with your child so that the building and staff are well known to them. We will all work together to ensure the transition from Acorn to School is a smooth one.

Afternoon School

Our new and younger children coming part time in the afternoons have settled well and are preparing for their change to the more formal Morning School in September. Parents will be able to see Dance and Music Open sessions near the end of term.

Cheval Roc

We have continued this term with our visits to Cheval Roc Nursing and Retirement home. These have proved a great success for both the residents and our children alike. On our visit the children sing songs, draw, play board games and complete puzzles with the ladies and gentlemen.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 19th June, 12.00 - 2.30 pm

Deborah Morrison (Isabella's mummy) is coordinating the event with other mothers and will be asking for your help with different activities such as face painting, lucky dip and cake decorating. There will be no formal nursery sessions that afternoon. Please bring a rug and a picnic, collect your child at the end of the morning and join us in the garden. All siblings welcome. Do let us know if you need your child to be accompanied to the picnic. Afternoon children please arrive at 12.15 and join in the fun.

Daddy Drop Off Morning

Friday 14th June, 8.15 - 9.15 am

To link with Father's Day your children will be inviting their fathers to bring them to school on Friday June 14th and enjoy a croissant and fruit juice and have a little play!

Open Music, Dance and Yoga Bugs sessions

Near the end of term you will be invited to an Open Session of the different 'extra' activities the children have been involved in. Music and Dance for Afternoon School and Music and Yoga for Morning school. These will be in the week starting 8th July.

Dates for your diary

Photograph Day - Tuesday 21st May

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Daddy Drop Off Morning (Father's Day) Friday 14th June

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 19th June,
(no formal nursery sessions in the afternoon)

Open Evening - Thursday 27th June 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Autumn Term 2019 - Wednesday 4th September - Friday 13th December

Half Term - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Please see Term Dates for future terms on www.acornnurseryschool.com



Mother helpers

Thank you to our mother/ grandmother helpers who have helped us with snacktime and cooking. If you are interested in helping in September do see Mrs King. Thank you also to all our parents/ grannies/ nannies and friends who came to read stories.

Steve Wellum Photography

Steve Wellum will be coming to take individual photographs of the children in the garden on Tuesday 21st May. Siblings are most welcome and those of Morning School children should come at 11.45 and those of Afternoon School children at 12.30. Please be prepared to wait and do come even if it is not 'your afternoon!'

Open Evening

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 27th June 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm. There is no afternoon school giving us the opportunity to prepare, but lunch children may stay until 1.00. This is your opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, without your child, and to see displays of children's learning. Friends and family are welcome.



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