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Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

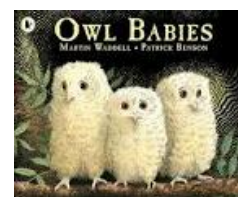
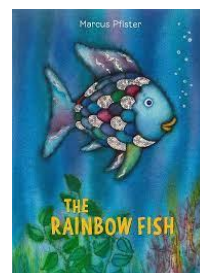
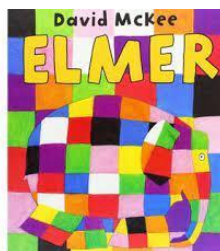
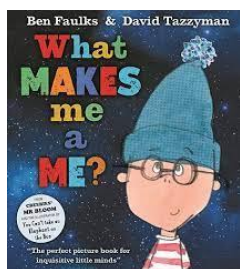
Welcome to our wonderful school and especially to the Acorns Class. The children have already made a fantastic start to school life.

The first three weeks of this half term will be focused on ensuring your child is settled, happy and understands the classroom routines. This allows all adults in the class an opportunity to listen, observe and most importantly interact through play.

By investing this time at the beginning of the year, your child will have a great start at school and we will be much better equipped to help them reach their potential. We will initially begin to complete the Governments RBA. The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. To find out more information please click on the link, [RBA Information](#).

As we work our way through the Autumn Term, we will begin to introduce more structured Phonics which follows the Read Write Inc (RWI) scheme and maths lessons.

Our first theme this half term will be based on 'All About Me'. Here your child will learn about themselves and what makes them and the world around them unique. They will learn more about their families and other cultures and how they may or may not share similarities and differences. Children will also build upon foundations in how to be a good friend and how we talk to one another in and outside of the class. During these sessions we will use a range of different books to engage, enhance and stimulate their learning further. This half term our focus books will be:



It is our job as practitioners to make sure our teaching and the environment we are in gives your child every opportunity to be engaged in a way that they enjoy. To give you an idea of our week we've listed the basic provision below:

- **Morning jobs.** Help your child be independent this term – especially with their own personal care. The children come into the classroom, put their belongings on their peg and are encouraged to find their names on the table.

- **Hello Acorns!** Let's see who is in class and think about our day ahead – take the register, go over our behaviour values and explain important messages. We use a visual timetable to help explain what is happening each day.



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● **Lovely Learning.** The inside/outside classroom will be set up at different points in the day to provide a range of activities for children to explore. The adults will support and observe so we can make sure everyone is challenged and engaged. This will lead into teacher-led activities as the term goes on.

● **Read Write Inc (RWInc) - Phonics.** We will systematically follow this reading programme to help your child read through learning the sounds and blending them together. When they begin to read simple words, they will bring home a book that matches their level of reading. Each week the children will take a library book home for you to share with them. We will have a reading meeting in the Autumn Term so be sure to keep an eye out for a date!

● **Maths.** There will be a daily teacher-led input for maths to teach core skills as a class. The classroom will then be divided into 4 stations, 3 of which will be adult led, and 1 that will be continuous provision linked to the maths work we have been teaching. There will also be opportunities for children to explore provisions set out and challenge their mathematical minds. We also follow a program which is called Mastering Number which helps to embed strong number sense.

● **Outdoor Adventures.** One afternoon a week will be an outdoor adventure for Acorns. There's no such thing as bad weather – only bad clothing! For this your child will need to come to school with: - **Wellies - Wet weather gear (all in ones) (waterproof trousers etc) - Warm/old clothing (we may be getting mucky).** Please make sure your child has their wet weather gear **by the end of September** so we can get going with these lessons. This will take place on a Friday afternoon.

● **Assembly.** At the end of every day we will come together to talk about our day, think about what we'd like to do tomorrow and share a story. As we go through the term, and when the children are ready, we will start to bring them to the whole school assembly with the rest of the school.

As you know, we will be using an online learning journey programme called Tapestry. Keep an eye out for an email regarding your Tapestry account. We are working hard to enter all the initial information from the baseline assessments now the children have arrived in school and updating photographs of how their first few days of school are going. If you have any issues or worries about the system please let me know.

You will have also received a letter for parent pay, this is where you will be able to book your child's lunches.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child more this year.

With best wishes

Mrs GT, Mrs Morgan, Miss White and Mrs Booker