



Acorn Class Newsletter



Welcome to Newington C of E Primary School

Acorn Class Teacher - Mrs Barton
Acorn Teaching Assistants - Mrs O'Connor and Miss French



The majority of parents are now connected to Class Dojo but if you have not yet, please look out for an invite link by email. I will update Dojo with the learning that is taking place in class through class stories and the individual portfolios will be updated to share 'wow' moments or significant achievements. Our role in Early Years is to be 'in the moment' with the children, interacting and scaffolding their learning through play so these will be updated regularly but not daily.



Welcome! My name is Mrs Barton and I am the class teacher in Acorn class. Although I am new to Newington this year, I am not new to teaching in Reception and look forward to sharing your child's first year at school with you. Miss French worked in Reception last year and Mrs O'Connor is returning to Reception after working in year 2.

Mrs O'Connor will be leading the class on a Friday.

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children this week and we are all extremely proud of how well they have already settled into school. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child during their time in Reception. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or queries or you can message on Class Dojo.

Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. This means we can return lost items to the correct owner quickly.



Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is 'All about me'



In term 1 our topic will be 'All about me' We have chosen this topic to give us and the children an opportunity to transition in to school and really get to know each other. We will be busy getting to know all our new friends and establishing how we can all work together to create an amazing acorn class.

We will be talking about our families, pets and our likes and dislikes. We will be exploring the world around us using our different senses and learning about the different parts of our bodies with games and songs. The children will begin to think about what they can do to keep themselves healthy and safe.

In maths this term, we will be learning to match and sort a range of objects. Once the children can sort collections into sets, they then will practise comparing and ordering sets using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' We will also learn how to make repeated patterns.

In literacy, the children will begin daily Phonics and Reading sessions. They will also listen and join in with familiar and new stories as part of our theme. We will encourage the children to develop their mark making skills by developing their fine motor skills and practising their name.

P.E

Acorn class will not yet be doing an 'official' PE session in the hall as we settle into our classroom and new surroundings. We are very fortunate to have our 'outdoor' classroom with many opportunities for physical play every day.

We will update you on PE days in term 2.

Phonics and Early Reading

In the next few weeks we will begin our daily structured phonics sessions. The Phonics scheme we follow is called Little Wandle and I will send out further information about this once we are started.

Alongside our phonics we will also have reading sessions. Children will be given a phonetically decodable reading book once they are able to blend sounds to read simple words. Until then, the children will be given a wordless book and again further information will follow.

How can you help at home?

- Practise putting on jumpers and coats independently ready for the cold weather.
- Practise using a knife and fork.
- Play turn taking games
- Give 'tidy up' jobs
- Share and discuss stories every night.
- Sing nursery rhymes and other short songs
- Listen and discuss sounds around you e.g. animal sounds, everyday sounds etc.
- Emphasise initial sounds of words i.e. c for cat
- Practise recognising and writing your name.
- Count daily and look out for numbers in your home.

Please can you send in one 6 X 4 family photo to share and display in class as part of our theme 'All about me' We would like to keep these displayed in our classroom for the year. These can also be posted on Dojo.