

# Acorn Class Newsletter

Another busy but brilliant term for Acorn class! It has flown by!

The children have been trying so hard to write independently and have loved being able to get out and explore in the garden now the weather has improved. The highlight of this term has got to be the visits to Forest school. It has been lovely to see the children exploring, investigating and trying new experiences and challenges. I'm sure our last term together will be just as busy and fun too!

Curriculum  
information



ClassDojo

Please do add things to your child's portfolio as the children really enjoy sharing this with the staff and their friends in school.

## Our topic in term 6 is 'Under the Sea'



In **Understanding of the World**, the children will begin to learn about the sea and what lies beneath it; including plants and sea creatures. Looking at coastal areas, near and far, the children will learn what a rock pool is and what they will find living inside it. The children will learn about the seaside past and present. We will also explore the season of summer and reflect on our year in Acorn Class.

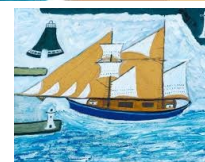
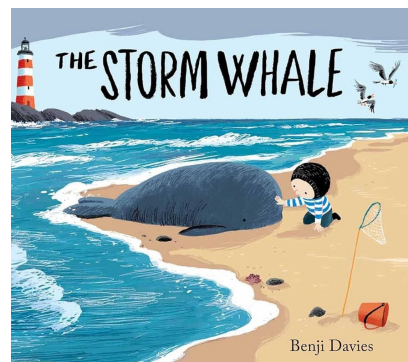
In **Literacy**, we will continue to read a range of books linked to our theme including a text called 'The Storm Whale'. We will focus on writing grammatically correct sentences and the use of description and adjectives during poetry. Independent writing and correct letter formation will be our focus for this term as we begin to assess the children for the end of year Early Learning Goals.

In **Maths** this term, we will be continuing to master a secure understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond. We will continue to consolidate our addition skills through number bonds and adding two or more numbers together to make a total. Also practising subtraction. We will encourage the children to identify patterns in numbers when learning about doubles, grouping, halving and odd and even numbers. Please do log in and help the children to practise on NUMBOTS.

In **Expressive, Art and Design**, the children will begin to plan, complete and evaluate their own creations using a range of different textured materials. They will look at the work of the artist 'Alfred Wallis' and attempt to create their own version of his work 'The Blue Ship'

In **RE**, we will continue to explore the question 'Why are stories special to people?' We will learn about special stories in different religions.

This term we will begin to prepare the children for their transition to year 1.



[Keep an eye on class dojo!](#)

We have our school trip this term on

**Wednesday 25th June.**

We will also have an Acorn class family picnic at church in July with Reverend Amanda.

**Date to be confirmed.**

### Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name; especially jumpers and cardigans. As the weather warms up the children will be taking them off more. Sun hats will now be needed on some days and please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. All day sun cream can be applied before the children come to school.



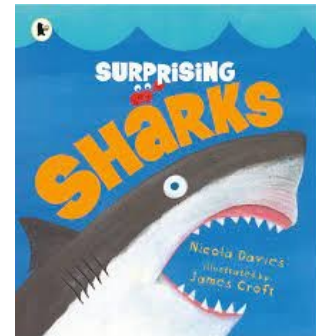
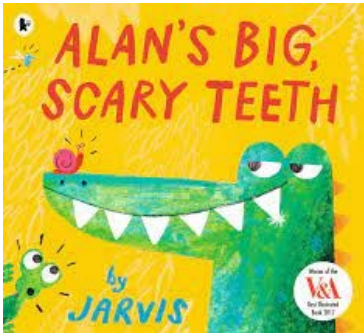
Each year Newington school holds a charity week. 3 charities are chosen and through a secret ballot in class the children get the opportunity to vote for the charity they would like to support and raise money for as a class. Acorn class have voted to support the 'Trussell Swale Foodbank' Acorn class are still deciding on how to raise money and we will update you soon! However, we will be joining with Nursery and the ideas were very active! We hope you will be able to support us in some way. A just giving link will be shared via DOJO next term if you would like to support us and make a donation.

### P.E is on Tuesday

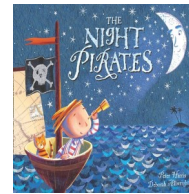
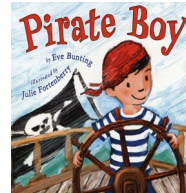
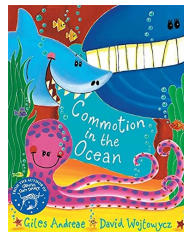
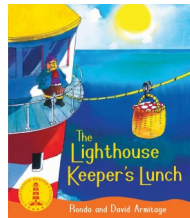
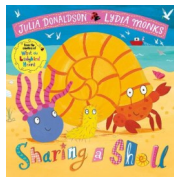
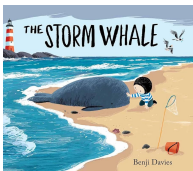
Please could you ensure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E kit on this day. This should include white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and appropriate footwear. **Please remove earrings.**  
**We will begin to practise for sports day in our PE sessions. Children can not take part if they are not in PE kit.**

# Reception Knowledge Organiser

We will begin next term talking about oral health because we have had lots of discussions lately about teeth as some of the children have lost their first tooth, which of course is very exciting! We will be learning about different things we can do at home to keep our teeth strong and healthy. The children will know about foods and drinks that keep our teeth healthy and what happens when you go to the dentist.



In the following weeks, we are going to be learning about the seaside and what lies under the ocean. We are looking forward to reading new stories, such as;



Also lots of Non-fiction books and poems.

## Key Vocabulary this term

*Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.*

**Our Key topic words are:**

**Ocean**

**Sea**

**Marine**

**Rock pool**

**Creatures**

**Habitat**

**Creature names**



## Ideas for home learning this term:

Go on a visit to the beach with your family. Paddle in the sea and search for rock pools. The local beaches at Sheerness and Leysdown have lots of rock pools to explore when the tide goes out. Don't forget to share on DOJO!

Draw a picture and write a sentence or two to tell us about your visit to the beach or a time you have been on holiday.

Can you create a boat/submarine from construction or junk modelling?

Create a pirate patch and hat. What about a hook?

Play Bingo using numbers 11-20

Log on to Numbots to practise number bonds, addition and subtraction.

