

Little Acorns Newsletter

Spring term 2 2021 As the lockdown for schools relaxes, Little Acorns will continue to be very cautious!

Dates for Your Diary 2021

At little Acorns we generally work term time, working within the school term dates. These are the dates for your diary and they are inclusive.

Feb Half Term 13th Feb—21st Feb

Spring 2 22nd Feb—1st April

Easter Holiday 2nd April—18th April

Bank Holidays 2nd April and 5th April

Sum 1 19th April—28nd May

May Bank Holiday 3rd May and 31st May

Half Term 29th May—6th June

Sum 2 7th June—30th July

Summer Holiday 31st July— 31st Aug

Useful websites...

During the lockdown we made full use of these interesting websites/twitter pages to share exciting tasks on our Facebook page and to extend the learning at the setting. They are full of fabulous things to do...

- @NHMlearning
- Wwww.nhm.ac.uk—then drop down menu for 'Discover' or 'School'
- @NASA
- Wwww.nasa.gov
- Surrey Wellbeing partnership
- RSPB—www.rspb.org.uk
- Wildlife Trusts- www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

Nursery Rhyming

"Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are eight" Mem Fox, Reading Magic.

Nursery rhymes provide bite-sized learning opportunities for young children to develop key developmental skills and enable children to become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language, many can support the development of memory and phonological awareness.

Nurse rhymes support many areas of learning,

Communication and Language

Physical development

Numeracy

Understanding the World

Creativity...

So get rhyming! We can send home Nursery Rhyme books, or look online for Nursery Rhyme clips and lyrics. You can use Alexa/dot/echo to play nursery rhymes in the background while they are playing.

Safety First...

Children's safety remains a priority for us, and we continuously look for ways to keep children safe. For example, whilst out and about, crossing the road, in case of emergency, with regards to fire, from harm and online. We also want to keep parents informed. We will share the Digital Parenting magazine with you which is packed full of excellent advice when managing a growing family and their tech! it explains how to set digital house rules early on, to use tech together, to set realistic screen time guidelines and by encouraging all to be kind online. As children grow we know that screen time can impact on sleep routines, general happiness, mental health and personal safety. If you are ever worried, there are great sites to look at for advice,
www.thinkyouknow.co.uk
www.childnet.com
You can always chat to us too!

Parking...

Thank you for your care and vigilance when parking up, turning around or driving away at the front of the house. Children play in the street on bikes, scooters and skateboards, and many neighbours have cats and dogs, so thank you for respecting the pavement.

Illness and Testing...

The Lateral Flow Testing kits for asymptomatic testing, offered to Nurseries, have not been extended to Childminders, who will need to visit a local testing centre to be tested, and to isolate until results are returned.

As always, please let us know if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, because you have been in close contact with a positive case. If your child is unwell, please speak to NHS 111 and get tested if necessary. If your child is very ill please keep them at home. Please continue to talk to your children about how to catch sneezes and coughs. **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!**

We are in this together!