



Acorn Class Miss Brockwell

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The theme of our Topic work this term will be Flowers and Insects.

What we will be doing

This term we will be finding out all about different plants and trees around our school as well as the insects which share our space.

Why we will be doing it

This topic offers an opportunity for the children to explore the world around them in more detail and to widen their Scientific and Geographical knowledge.

How you can help

In Literacy this term we will be concentrating on our writing and spelling. We will be encouraging the children to try to sit their letters smartly on the line. When writing, we will be helping the children to read back through their work to make sure they haven't missed any sounds or made a mistake like repeating a word twice. At this stage phonetic spelling is still fine, encourage them to use the sounds they know to make up the words they need, but we are introducing the correct spellings for common words such as 'the', 'and', 'you' and 'like'. You can also support our work at home by continuing to encourage your child to write at every opportunity and to read their work back to make any edits or improvements.

Reception Literacy Skills Goals this term:
To write some irregular common words.
To spell some words correctly and others in ways that are phonetically plausible.
To control tools effectively including pencils for writing.

In Maths we will be exploring doubling, halving and sharing this term. As these are new skills we will be using real objects to share into groups, focusing on making sure the sharing is fair so each group gets the same number of objects. You can support these skills at home by encouraging your child to share out objects fairly, like making sure people have an equal portion when cooking. We will be using these skills to solve problems once the children are confident. Towards the end of term, we will also be revisiting our number recognition.

Reception Maths Skills Goals this term:
To solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.
To recognise, write and order numbers to 20.

In Topic we will be focusing initially on plants and trees and then moving on to finding out about insects. We will be exploring how to identify different plants and animals and the features they have as well as the environments they need to survive and what we can do to help them thrive.

In Science we will be learning about the structure and features of different plants and animals and learning the scientific names for the different parts. We will also be using our knowledge of plant and animal features to identify and classify them.

In Geography we will be surveying the areas around our school and thinking about the types of animals and plants found in each habitat. Then we will be thinking about what action we can take to protect and encourage wildlife in our area.

In Art and Design we will be improving our observational drawing skills by looking closely at plants and animals to be more accurate. We will also be using different materials to create models of insects.

At home you can support our topic work by encouraging your child to explore the world around them a notice little details in the plants and animals they see.

Reception Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design Skills Goals this term:
To make observations of plants and insects and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.
To know that the environment and living things are influenced by human activity.
To describe some actions which people in their own community do that help to maintain the area they live in.
To use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.