

Acorn Class – KS1 Summer Term 1 2026

Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots



Music

In Music, children will explore rhythm and pulse through the Sing Up *Play Percussion – TIME* unit. They'll experiment with a range of percussion instruments, learning to keep a steady beat and respond to musical patterns. We'll use the progression activity from *Tariczmy Labada* to support movement, coordination and creative expression.

RE

" So God created mankind in his own image... male and female he created them."
- *Genesis 1:27*

This term, the children will be learning to answer the question:

Who is Jewish and what do they believe?



Mathematics

This half term in Maths, we will be learning how to measure length and height. First, we will use non-standard units of measure such as cubes and then we will learn to measure in centimetres using a ruler. We will compare lengths using the key vocabulary *longer* and *shorter*. We will then begin to explore mass and capacity.

Numbots – Your child has a login for this app in their reading diary. It's a fun and effective way to build number knowledge and fluency. We recommend using it at least three times a week to support their learning.

Times Table Rockstars – Children can use this app to practise their recall of multiplication and division facts.

PE

This half term in PE, the children will be developing their athletics skills through running, jumping and throwing activities. They'll learn how to move with control, speed and accuracy while exploring different ways to travel and change direction. Children will also practise simple techniques for distance, power and coordination as they take part in fun athletic challenges. These sessions will help build confidence, stamina and enjoyment of physical activity.

History

In History, the children are learning about farming then and now, exploring how tools, machinery and methods have changed over time. They will compare life on a farm in the past with farming today and think about how these changes have helped people. We will also be welcoming a visit from Mr Atkinson, a local farmer, giving the children the chance to ask questions and learn first-hand about modern farming.

D&T

In D&T, children will explore food and nutrition through making fruit kebabs. They'll learn about different fruits, their colours, textures and where they come from. Children will practise simple food-prep skills such as chopping, stirring and safely using utensils. We'll also talk about making healthy choices and combining ingredients to create balanced snacks.

Life Skills

This term, we will be learning about relationships and how to build positive connections with others. We will learn to recognise that not every family is the same and we will explore how families can be different. We will talk about the people in our own families and show respect and sensitivity when listening to others. We will discuss what makes a good friend and how to solve friendship problems when they occur.

Science

This half term children are learning about plants. They will identify a range of common wild and garden plants, explore deciduous and evergreen trees, and learn the basic parts of flowering plants. They will also observe how seeds and bulbs grow and investigate what plants need to stay healthy, such as water, light and the right temperature. The children will take part in a simple experiment to test how different conditions affect plant growth.

Half Term Information

PE – Wednesday afternoons - As the weather is beginning to turn warmer, children should come to school in full PE kit: a white T-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers, trainers and a light top layer. A black sweatshirt or zip-up can still be brought for cooler mornings. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days. All clothing should be clearly named to help avoid mix-ups.

Mobile Library Visit - Children will receive books from the mobile library bus on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure books are returned on the following alternate Tuesday so your child can borrow a new one. Unfortunately, if books aren't returned, we won't be able to issue another - thank you for your support.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child brings a clean, filled and clearly labelled water bottle to school each day, water only, please. This is especially important now that the weather is getting warmer and children need to stay well hydrated.

Homework - A homework menu will be sent home with a selection of optional, topic-based activities for children to enjoy and complete over time. We'd love to see any finished projects in school by **Monday 18th May** so we can celebrate and share them together in class.

Literacy

The children have been innovating *The Papaya That Spoke* through our Talk for Writing work, adapting the story using their own characters and events. They've been working on sentence accuracy, sequencing and using conjunctions to extend ideas. Our next Talk for Writing unit is *The Tree Giant*, where children will learn to write a non-chronological report by grouping facts and using clear headings.

Phonics

This half term in Little Wandle, children will continue to secure their Phase 5 GPCs. We will review all phase 5 sounds in preparation for the phonics screening check and we will continue to build our fluency when reading words. No new tricky words will be taught this half term but these will continue to be reviewed each week.

Reading

Reading every day for 10–15 minutes at home is a compulsory part of homework. This daily routine is designed to help build fluency, confidence, and enjoyment in reading, while supporting your child's progress and fostering a lifelong love of books.

Your child will bring home two types of reading books:

- A reading practice book matched to their current phonics level. This may be a wordless book at first, until more sounds (GPCs) are taught. Please send this book and their reading record into school each day, as we read with your child regularly.
- A sharing book chosen by your child from the mobile library every other week, to enjoy together at home.

Practice books will be sent home each Thursday. If your child finds the book easy, that's okay — it's designed to help build fluency, confidence, and enjoyment in reading.

Links to school values

Aspiration – We will show aspiration by challenging ourselves to learn new skills, from identifying different plants and trees to keeping a steady in Music.

Respect – We will show respect by learning how to build positive relationships in PSHE, showing kindness, listening to others and working cooperatively. We will also show respect for the natural world as we explore plants and learn how to care for living things

Community - As Acorn Class, we will strengthen our sense of community by supporting our friends, sharing ideas and working together during story work, planting activities and all our learning this half term.