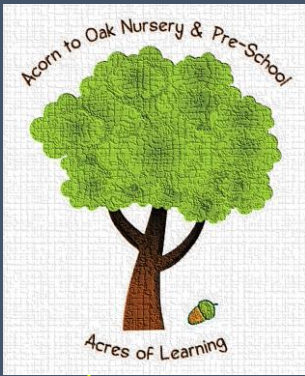


JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS!

Babies

This month, we delved into the fascinating world of space with exciting activities including planet exploration, starry creations, astronaut adventures, rocket crafting, and even baking star-shaped biscuits.

In February, we will be shifting our focus to health and self-care for this month, the children will engage in activities centred around hygiene, eating, dressing, and exercise. From washing babies to cleaning animals, a variety of engaging experiences await.

In March, our theme centres on 'My Family and Me.' Activities will revolve around the children's families and personal interests. Kindly consider sharing family photos for our family book—your participation will make this exploration even more special.



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2-3s

January has been a busy month in 2-3s! Our space-themed activities included crafting rocket ships from toilet rolls and exploring planets with paint and soap. We've also had fun making aliens with play-dough, recognizing phonics, and enjoying various sensory experiences in our tuff tray activities. The daily mile in the garden has been a hit, taking in different sights.

In February, we're diving into Health and Self! Exploring healthy eating, active games in the field, and our daily mile for exercise. We'll express emotions through drawing, learn practical skills like dressing, and even serve our own breakfasts. Self-care, including toothbrushing, is on the agenda—all while having lots of fun!

In March, we're exploring families, pets, and our favourite things! Creating family collages with your family photos, we will also be making animal collages, and turning our home corner into a vet's office. Drawing our favourite activities and discussing who lives with us at home—exciting times ahead!



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Pre-school

Throughout January, Pre-school children were busy exploring outer space. We learned about planets, stars and spaceships. We used our creativity to build rockets and design aliens. We even made constellations to represent first letters of our names! And there was a lot of messy, gooey, slimy play.

In February, we will be discussing health and self-care. That's when we will focus on using the toilet, washing hands and dressing ourselves. Throughout this month, we will also celebrate Chinese New Year - year of the Dragon!

In March, we will be spending increasingly more time outdoors. March's topic will be "My Family and Me", so prepare yourselves for self-portraits, family portraits and family trees. At the end of the month, we will begin celebrating Easter; there will be lambs, chickens and bunnies, eggs and baskets - all made by the children.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 - 16 February 2024 - Half Term (Term Time Only Children)

28 March 2024 – Last Day of Spring Term (Term Time Only Children)

29 March 2024 – Good Friday

1 April 2024 – Easter Monday

15 April 2024 – Summer Term Starts (Term Time Only Children)

29 April 2024 – Parents Evening starts at 18:00

6 May 2024 – Early May Bank Holiday

27 - 31 May 2024 - Half Term (Term Time Only Children)

27 May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

12 June 2024 – Sports Day

19 June 2024 – Sports Day Backup

11 July 2024 – Pre-school Graduation Party

12 July 2024 – Last day of Summer Term (Term Time Only Children)

26 August 2024 – Summer Bank Holiday

9 September 2024 – Autumn Term Starts

28 October – 1 November 2024 Autumn Half (Term Time Only Children)

12 December 2024 – Christmas Singalong

17 December 2024 – Christmas Party

20 December 2024 - Last Day of Autumn Term (Term Time Only Children)

24 December 2024 – Nursery closed for holidays

25 December 2024 – Christmas Day

26 December 2024 – Boxing Day

STAFF UPDATES

We're thrilled to share some exciting staff updates and celebrations happening at the nursery.

We are delighted to welcome back Jordan, who has been an integral part of our nursery for over 4 years. After a period of maternity leave, Jordan has returned with her adorable baby, bringing even more joy to our nursery community.

In addition, we want to celebrate the dedication of our long-standing staff members:

- Issy, who has been a valued member of our team for an impressive 4 years.
- Chloe, with a fantastic tenure of 3 years and 4 months.
- Monika, approaching her 3-year milestone.
- Lucy, who has been with us for more than 2 years.
- Kenzie, celebrating her 2nd anniversary with us at the end of this month.

Their commitment and passion have significantly contributed to the warm and nurturing environment we strive to provide for your children.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Jordan and congratulating our fantastic staff on these remarkable milestones. We appreciate their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they continue to make at our nursery.

Thank you for being a part of our growing community!

Family

Our new app, Family, provides a convenient way for you to mark your child off when they won't be attending. Please ensure you select the correct reason for the absence, choosing from options such as sick, holiday, or Absent. It is crucial to provide additional details by adding a note. For example, if your child is unwell, you can choose "sick" and add a note specifying symptoms like a cough, fever, or vomiting.

Alternatively, you can still report your child's absence by emailing the office at office@acorntooaknurseryandpreschool.co.uk. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping us informed

Funding

To apply for 2 years old 15 hours funded childcare or 30 hours funded childcare for 3 - 4 years old, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Additionally, refer to the post on Family for further details.



GENTLE REMINDERS

Label Belongings – Please name all your children's clothing and belongings.

Buggy Park – We are happy to store your buggy if you're unable to take it back with you, but it has to be collapsed to make more space available.

Policies – If you would like to view our policies these are available on our website or alternatively please [click here](#).

Weather-Appropriate Dress – Ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

Early drop offs and late pick-ups – will be charged as per the nursery policy. So please drop and collect your child on time.

Food/Drink – Please don't send your child/ren to the nursery with any food or drink from home. This is to ensure the safety of all children.

Extra sessions required – Please email:

office@acorntooaknurseryandpreschool.co.uk