

Acorn Room Newsletter

Spring is finally on its way!

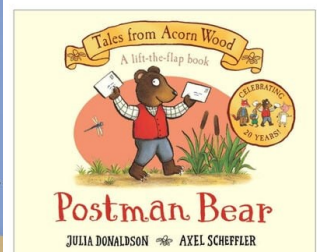
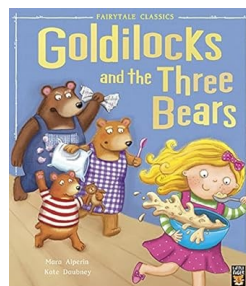
What a busy half term it has been. The children are curious and interested to explore everything on offer at a very fast pace, showing curiosity and interest in the new and different resources that the staff have offered to support their learning and development. All of the children have settled into the routines of the day and are able to adapt to changes in our routine and are responding to some social

Physical Development and the outdoor environment

As the weather improves the children naturally want to spend more time in the outside environment. Many opportunities will be provided to observe the changes in nature and the children will be able to sow seeds to begin to grow a variety of different produce such as flowers and vegetables and generally help us look after our garden area. New additions will be made to the sand pit which will improve gross and fine motor skills as well as using more imaginative skills with the addition of saucepans, spoons and kitchen apparatus to make sand cakes etc. A key interest in the sand is digging for dinosaur bones and there will be plenty of opportunities to dig these up. The staff will observe the children's interests and add additional play opportunities promoting these.

Core Stories

This half term we will be reading books involving bears. Many of the texts we have read so far have included farm or zoo animals Postman Bear will introduce the children to some additional species. We will give the children lots of opportunities to make their own letters and post them. When we read Goldilocks the children will be encouraged to join in with the repeated phrases so listen out for them at home and we may get the opportunity to eat porridge.

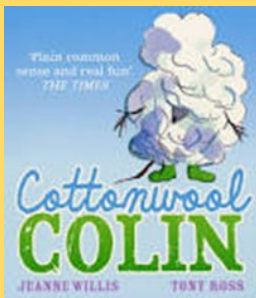


Mud Mud Mud!!!!

Staff have introduced many new real life resources into the mud kitchen space outside. This is supporting the children's creativity, developing curiosity and encouraging them to bring their real life experiences into their play.

We also use the mud to mix with clay, water and paint with it using brushes. This is an excellent way of encouraging children to mark make and begin their journey to eventually becoming a writer.

This again supports children being valued as individuals, as they share their ideas with the adult's and children in the group.



As a parent we always want to protect our children from any injury however children need to learn about danger and about what their bodies can achieve. This story is worth a read/watch, please check it out on our Netherton Park Nursery School YouTube page, it is read by Verony.

We would love to hear your thoughts about the story and if it has made you think about your child's development any differently.

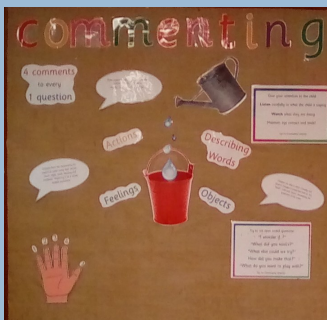
Supporting your child's Communication and Language Development

We are continuing to support children's listening and attention skills this term.

Through singing songs and rhymes we are offering a pause at the end, to support children waiting in anticipation, to see what comes next.

When exploring actions, words and sounds we are using language 'ready, steady, go' and 'stop', this encourages the children to attain their attention on the experience.

We continue to focus on enhancing children's language and encouraging them to use it in context with their play experiences. You can help with this by commenting, naming and describing your children's actions, such as "Lena is running." "Chloe is pouring water." and "Coral is riding her bike."



Using comments will help fill your child with words for them to be able to use in various ways.



Please continue to check your child's Tapestry each day as this is our main source of communication with you as parents. We will share and celebrate your child's learning at nursery.

We love seeing the wonderful learning that happens at home, so please keep sharing.

Celebrations

Upcoming events that we will celebrate in Acorn. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday on the first day back and mixed the batter all tasted pancakes! Eid ul Fitr will be celebrated with the children and Easter will also be celebrated with an Easter egg hunt. We continue to celebrate all of the children's birthdays as they arrive. We will be celebrating Mothers Day and Holi too. Dates have been provided on Tapestry for upcoming events. If you have any other celebrations at home please let us know on Tapestry with some photo's.

