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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back in preschool this week and chat to them about their Easter holidays and the things they have been up to. We are very much looking forward to the Summer term and all the amazing learning opportunities that come with this change in season!

Themed Learning

This term our learning will be themed around 'Science and Investigation'. Over this half term, we will be focussing; on **Minibeasts, Growing plants, Animals, Dinosaurs, Seasonal Changes and Changes as we grow and get bigger**. We are looking forward to enhancing our garden area and planting lots of flowers and vegetables for us to look after and watch grow.

Phonics

In Phonics we will focus on 'Alliteration' where the children will have the opportunity to think about words and the sounds that they make when you say them. We will play games that look at words that start with the same letters and allow the children to say words with the same beginning letter to make little tongue twisters e.g. David's Dangerous Dinosaur'. For some of the older children that will be starting school in September, we will continue to encourage them to practice writing their names each day alongside our 'Dough Disco' intervention which builds up muscle strength in their hands before they sit down for writing. We will also be teaching 'Read Write Inc Nursery' set 1 sounds this half term to school starters, which will focus on learning the letter shapes by linking them with a picture e.g. M is for 'Maisie standing next to a mountain'.



Our Author focus will continue to be **Julia Donaldson, Eric Carle and Michael Rosen** as well as plenty of books linked to each week's learning theme. We will also be enjoying the book '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**' by **Michael Rosen** in our guided reading sessions.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to practise our counting by pointing and tagging each object with a number, compare amounts and recognise what is the same, more or less, make patterns that show organisation and thought, recognise when something is longer or shorter/heavier or lighter when comparing objects, recognise shapes and be able to predict, rotate and move them to fit a certain space or make a given pattern.

Preschool Bags

As the weather gets warmer we will require sunhats in children's bags, as we spend a lot of our preschool day learning outside. Please could you also continue to make sure there is at least **one full** change of clothes in your child's bag for each session that they attend as well as any wet wipes or nappies that your child will need during the day at preschool.

Outdoor Clothing

As always, we plan to be out and about on the school playground and field as much as we can, so please make sure your child has a **named coat, all in one suit, and wellies** at Preschool when they are here. We are also more than happy for these to be left at

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Preschool if you find it easier to do so. The children are really good at putting their puddle suits on and taking them off for different sessions within the day which is great, and it is also helping to protect their clothing from becoming so wet!

Lost Property

We have a very big pile of lost property clothing that has not been claimed as yet. Please do ask if you think you are missing something and would like to take it home.

NHS Toothbrushing Scheme



We have now started our daily toothbrushing sessions in Acorns, with each child being assigned a toothbrush to use for these sessions. We have been emphasising the good habits that clearly lots of them already have at home with the brushing of their teeth, as well as the importance of cleaning their toothbrushes after each session. We are very proud of how well Acorns have done in their first week and look forward to watching them gain confidence and independence as we continue this scheme for the rest of this term.

Summer Term Pop Up Play Session

After a successful play session just before Christmas we have decided to rebook for another pop-up play session at the end of the Summer term as a treat for Acorn children. We will confirm a date ASAP, but it will likely to be in the last week of term. We will send out a letter to just gauge interest before moving forwards with booking this event. If it is on a day that your child isn't usually in preschool they are more than welcome to still come along with a parent or carer for this session.

Please see the link for more information <https://www.playtownparties.co.uk/aboutUs.php> .



Fund Raising Events

A huge thank you to everyone for all your support last term with our Smarties tubes and book sale fundraising events. Every penny is very much appreciated!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask or contact us via the Family app.

Many thanks,
Mrs Millard & The Preschool Team

