



# Acorn classroom news!

## What we are learning...

### Topic:

Our topic this term is mini beasts. We will be using the books 'What the Ladybird Heard', 'Superworm' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar' to inspire our learning. During this topic we will be looking at the different habitats of the animals, their different features and life cycles. We will also have our own 'mini beast café' where the children can create their own mini beast inspired menus and role-play being a chef or waiter. If you have any books about creepy crawlies and bugs please bring them in to share.

### Phonics:

Our sounding out and blending is helping us begin writing our own sentences. This term we are focusing on building our independence with our writing. We have learnt all sounds in Phase 2 and Phase 3 and this half term we will be focusing on reading and writing longer words covered in Phase 4 and 5. We will also continue practicing our sight words, this terms new words are: were, one, there, little, when, out, what and are. You can help support your child's Phonics and reading at home using a series of games on the following website: <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

### Maths:

This term in maths we will be looking at addition, subtraction, 3D shapes and time. There are lots of things you can do at home to help consolidate learning such as play board games which involve addition and subtraction, discuss the shapes you see in your surrounding environment and use language describing the different times of day.

As a school this term we are focusing on the value:

**Perseverance & Respect**

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
World book day - Fancy dress

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Sport Relief- wear sports clothing

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March- School Disco

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Book Fair arriving

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Parents evening

## Reminders...

- Please ensure your child has a spare labelled set of clothes in school including socks!
- Acorns have PE on a **Monday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit on their peg ready and labelled.
- Book bags should be in school daily so letters and children's work can be transported safely.
- Please do share any completed 'WOW moments' with us, we love to see what you have been doing.
- Please ensure all reading books and records are kept in book bags to ensure they can be changed.
- If your child is 5 years old and you would still like them to have milk at snack time you will need to register online at: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)