



Swannington C of E Primary School



Acorn class

Autumn term 1



This half term's learning

This half term, most of our learning will involve embedding new rules and routines to support the children settling in. Our learning theme for the first half term is 'Me and My World'. This will allow the children to think about themselves as valuable and unique individuals, including what makes them special, the people who are special to them, learning about their bodies and how to regulate their emotions.

Our Literacy sessions will have a strong focus around stories. We begin developing our listening skills through stories, as well as our comprehension, imagination and sequencing skills. Some of these stories will include Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Elmer, We're going on a Bear hunt and The Little Red Hen.

In Maths, we will learn about key times of the day, introducing numbers, counting, positional language, matching and sorting, and subitising, as well as many other factors that will occur day to day as further learning opportunities.

The children will participate in daily phonics lessons, which will support their progress of reading and writing. They will have a new set of sounds introduced every two weeks, but will continue to consolidate previously learnt sounds throughout the year.

Learning coming up next term (Autumn 2)

Next term, our learning theme will be 'Down in the Woods'. This will involve learning about seasons and the changes, including nocturnal animals and hibernation.

Please remember ...

Acorn will take part in PE and forest school every week. Your child will **leave their PE kit and forest school kit at school** and bring it home at the end of each term (it will need returning at the beginning of the next term). Please ensure to update this dependent on the weather/season for that term. **Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in one bag and their forest school kit in another bag with everything named!** Wellies are needed and will be kept at school on the welly rack all year. To help with getting changed for PE and forest school, it is a good idea if your child is not wearing items such as tights on these days, which may make it difficult getting back changed and mean that they have no socks to wear with their pumps/trainers/wellies.

Please ensure that your child is bringing their **water bottle** to school every day.

Please ensure that your child is bringing their **book bag** with their reading book, reading record and library book in every day. This is really important so that we can support your child with their reading as much as possible.

At home, please can you...

Encourage children to talk in full sentences and model the correct pronunciation of sounds, as well as how to form sentences and use new vocabulary.

Encourage your child to use Maths and Literacy in everyday life, such as counting steps as you are walking and support them to practise writing their name (lowercase letters with a capital letter at the beginning).

Encourage independence at home, such as getting themselves changed and having a go at new things for themselves before asking for help.

Share stories with your child and listen to them read their school reading book at least 4 times a week.

Please speak to Mrs Broughton if you have any questions or need any support. Thank you! 😊

