



Acorn Class

CLASS TEACHER: MISS COOK
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

In Acorn Class, we embrace the power of play-based learning and adult-focused tasks, creating a dynamic and engaging educational experience aligned with the English National Curriculum. Our small rural primary school is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where children can thrive. We believe that play is an essential component of early childhood education, fostering imagination, creativity, and social development.

🍏 Healthy Snacks 🥕


In MEPS, we believe in promoting healthy habits. For snack time, we kindly request that you pack your child's lunchbox with nutritious fruit or vegetable options. Let's keep their energy levels up with tasty and wholesome treats!

☁️ Waterproofs and Wellies ☁️

To make the most of our forest adventures, please ensure your child brings waterproofs and wellies to school. These should be left at school all week, so your little explorer is always ready to dive into the fun, rain or shine!

🌳 Forest School Fridays 🌳

Discover the wonders of nature with Forest School Fridays! Every Friday, Acorn Class embarks on thrilling outdoor adventures in our very own forest. Get ready to explore, learn, and have a blast in the great outdoors!



Phonics

We follow the Read Write Inc. program, which immerses children in a daily 20-minute phonics session and 10 minutes of Ditty reading. They explore Set 1, Set 2, and Set 3 sounds, mastering the building blocks of reading and writing. In our phonics sessions, children become confident readers by blending sounds to read both real and alien words. By encountering a variety of word types, they not only enhance their decoding abilities but also develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills.

To reinforce their phonics skills and promote spelling proficiency, we use "Fred Fingers" technique. By counting the sounds in words using their fingers, they develop a strong understanding of phoneme segmentation, enabling them to accurately write words with confidence and independence.

Phonics Screening Check-Year 1

This assessment, mandated by the English National Curriculum, evaluates children's phonics decoding skills and their ability to apply phonics knowledge to reading. The Phonics Screening Check is a short, one-to-one assessment administered by teachers towards the end of Year 1.

Spare Clothes on Pegs

Accidents happen, especially when children are having an amazing time exploring and playing. Please provide spare clothes for your child and leave them on their designated peg at all times. This way, they can quickly change and continue enjoying their day without any interruptions.

PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Active and healthy bodies are important at Acorn Class! Our energetic PE sessions take place every Tuesday and Wednesday. Encourage your child to wear suitable sports attire on these days for a dynamic workout with their classmates.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum! Reading at home for even 5 minutes a day can make such a huge impact on your child's language development. Children get raffle ticket rewards for every time they read at home. Once a week, we choose a name out of the 'box' and they win a prize.

Class Reward

In our class, we utilize Class Dojo as our reward system, where students earn points for positive behavior and contributions. When the class reaches a specific point milestone, we celebrate their collective efforts by granting them a reward of their choice, such as extra playtime, a fun forest school session, engaging baking activities, or exciting craft projects.

Toys

Please ensure your child does not bring toys into school as these are often very precious to your child and they can easily get lost.

Log ins

In their reading record, children will have a log in for Seesaw, Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling shed.

At times, we upload pictures to Seesaw of work we complete in school and use it as a virtual book for some subjects. Times Tables Rock Stars is an online platform. Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that has question-based games which automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere..

Spelling shed is linked to a spelling scheme will follow in school where they can play fun, engaging games to consolidate learning.

If you for any reason need a reminder of the log ins please do get in touch.

Trips

We will go on many trips throughout the year linked to our topic, sporting events and other local outings. This will be communicated through email and often require you to consent on Parent Pay. Keep a look out for these emails throughout the year.

Spellings

Every Tuesday Year 1 & 2 will have a spelling test on a list of 10 age expected spellings. You will no longer have a red spelling book that goes home instead you will receive a sheet with your spelling list and activities to do for homework. On this sheet will be your child's score from the test they have just completed.

If you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be happy to help.