



Helmdon Acorns

Newsletter

Monday 14th January 2019

Activities

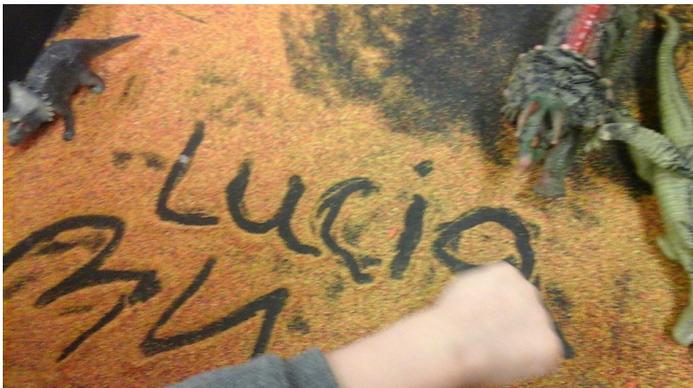


Last week we enjoyed "The Old Lady who swallowed a Fly" amongst other stories and lots of action songs during our singing sessions.

Forest School focussed on foraging to make decorative hedgehogs.

There were opportunities to make some lovely collages in groups whilst practising our motor skills. There was much discussion on which colours to use and where the ribbons should be placed.

We used sand in tuff trays to provide more opportunities for mark makings and some of the children wanted to practise copying their name.



This week we will be reading "Each Peach Pear Plum" which references lots of other stories and encourages games like "I spy".

We will be using lots of construction materials like Mobilo, Duplo and plumbing pipes and connectors to make models .

Training day

We always follow the term dates of Helmdon Primary School to try and make planning easier for both our staff and parents. Unfortunately the school changed their dates this autumn after issuing them to us in the summer. Please note therefore that we are CLOSED on Friday 15th February whereas the school is open and we return back from the Easter Break on TUESDAY 23rd April (school is closed).

Drop off and pick up

Whilst we understand that sometimes delays are unavoidable, please do your best to be on time at both drop off and pick up, We would ask that children arrive just before 9am to be ready to enter the main room with their peers. In addition we are now requesting that parents only take children to the Helmdon School Assembly as a "one off" for a birthday. It is becoming very disruptive to have several children arriving much later during the morning and the doorbell upsets some of the younger ones.

Please try to arrive 5 minutes before pick up to help us be in a position to feed back to you about your child's day. At 3:30pm we wish to bring all the children out together in their key worker groups so that ALL practitioners are on hand to talk to parents. This is not possible if parents are late as some children then need to stay in the room.



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Committee News

AGM – Tuesday 15th January 2019 from 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to all children and parents and welcome to all the new ones. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and wish everyone a fabulous Spring Term.

As you may know, Helmdon Acorns is run by a parent-led committee. This offers parents the opportunity to be directly involved in the direction that the Pre-School takes on a daily basis.

The success of the setting today is the result of many years of teamwork between the amazing hard working staff and a dedicated parent committee. We are looking to the future and hope to continue with this success for many more generations of Acorns children.

The committee is a legal requirement of the setting being a charity and it needs to consist of ideally 12 members, with a majority of parents with children current to the setting. As a committee, we are very keen to invite new members to fill the vacancies in order to run Acorns to its full potential. In the past 12 months, we have raised a huge amount of money for the setting which has allowed us to make many improvements, all for the direct benefit of the children. Some of these fundraisers have included a Quiz night in the village and our biggest fundraiser, Fireworks night! All the committee members agree that it is immensely fun and challenging to organise and run and to see all your hard work paying off at the end of each fundraiser provides a huge sense of achievement.

If you are interested out about joining the committee or would just like to offer your help with fundraising events or gardening mornings at Acorns we are looking for new members to join us tomorrow night.. hope to see some new faces

Kat Carter, Chairperson

Next Committee Meeting: the first meeting after the AGM is on TUESDAY 22nd January at Acorns at 7:30pm.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th January— AGM

**Tuesday 22nd January—
Committee meeting**

**Friday 15th February—training
day—ACORNS closed**

**Monday 25th February—first
day of term 4**

Forest School

**Sessions are held this term on
TUESDAYS—please ensure
your child is dressed for cold
weather: mitts, hats, thick
coats and trousers or leggings.**

Acorns Team

Setting Manager: Liz Hart

Deputy Supervisors: Kim Sadler
& Susanna Morgan

Practitioners: Victoria Webster,
Gina Rayner, Emma Houghton,
Rebecca Fletcher, Lorraine Aust,
Emma Pegg

Bank Staff: Fiona Kirkham