



BARTON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Acorns class parents and carers,

Welcome back to another fun filled term. We've already started the term off with a postcard from Baby bear. The children had to respond with ways they wanted to get to the moon - we've had some very detailed modes of transport! Our class text this term is 'Whatever Next' linked to our topic of space. On our curriculum overview you will see some QR codes. Scan these with your mobile or tablet and you can see a YouTube video of someone retelling the story, as well as the Solar System song that we have been singing in class

Welcoming in

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you all for not coming into the classroom with the children. Although this was to support our COVID assessment, it was just what the children needed! They have become even more independent with their belongings and settled straight into this routine. We will continue to ask that children enter the school building on their own to allow them to gain the independence they need for school life.

Library books

I am very excited to let you know that we have got the children's reading folders ready! The children's reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday**. We will collect them in on Monday. Reading folders should be brought into school everyday in the children's bookbags so that a member of staff or volunteer can read with the children as often as possible. Please write in their reading records the lovely books that you share together. The children will be sent home with 3 books, 2 book banded books to share with an adult and a Read Write Inc book or sheet that the children are able to decode themselves. We know you will be super impressed with their reading so far! I have added further information regarding the books onto Tapestry so please look here for more information.

Oxford Owl login details

Remember that you can also access books on the Oxford Owl website. Login details

Username acornsbp

Password: BPoxfordOwl

Clothing

Please ensure that the children are fully equipped with the right clothing for the weather, including wellies, hats, gloves, scarves and a raincoat. We have access to the outside during all weathers, therefore children need to be fully prepared. Remember to name everything too!

Best wishes,

Mrs Morgan

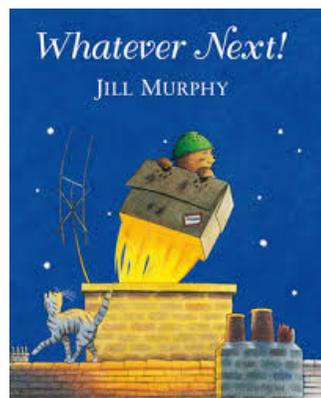
Key dates:

19 Jan	Meeting about the growth of our school (9:15am)
11/12 Feb	Community working party: build our wildlife area
17 Feb	Mid-Year Short Report: your child's attainment
18th Feb	Last day of school before the half term holiday
28th Feb	Return to school

Language and literacy

- We will be retelling and discussing our class text 'Whatever Next'. We will be using props to retell the story, as well as creating story maps in order to help us retell the story.
- We are continuing with our RWI sessions and this term the children will have RWI books/sheets that will be sent home to practise with them
- We are continuing to support the children with their listening skills and retaining information
- We are looking at how to be good talk partners and using this during carpet times

Talk for Writing Text: **Whatever Next** By Jill Murphy



Listen to the story here:



Topic based activities

- We will be learning all about space - the planets, the solar system, stars, astronauts - please talk to your children about these and share their meaning.
- We got a postcard from Baby bear asking the children how they would get to the moon? The children had to come up with a mode of transport of getting to the moon - we've had some very interesting masterpieces!
- We've been learning a song all about the solar system, you can find it on YouTube by scanning the QR code below

Guided reading using 'The Super 6'

We have setup 'The Super 6' in Reception, which involves reading a key text a week for 6 weeks. We ask the children key comprehension skills based on our school reading skills. See below a list of our key texts we will also be sharing with the children.

The solar system song:



Can you find out what these words mean?

Space
The solar system
Planets
Astronauts
Galaxy
Milky way
Universe

