



Sunflower & Acorns Newsletter: Term 3 January 2026

We would like to welcome the children who are joining Sunflower and Acorns Class this term and would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe 2026.

Topic: Our main topic and themes this term are "Toys", "Winter Time" and "Chinese New Year"

Our learning challenges will be: *What makes a good toy? How do toys work? What are toys made of? Can we make a toy?* By the end of next week, please send a photograph of your child with their favourite toy. Talk to your child about the toys you played with when you were little.

Please ensure that your child has a red bookbag. Bookbags need to be sent to school twice a week, so that your child can choose a book to share at home (Girls - Mon & Thur, Boys - Tue & Fri). Your child's reading record needs to be completed weekly.

All planning is displayed on the office noticeboard and a copy of our Curriculum Map and Newsletter (which has ideas for home learning) are displayed on our classroom windows. We will include a copy of our Newsletter and Curriculum Map on Class Dojo. These can also be found on our class page of the school website. A copy of "This Week in Sunflower & Acorns Class" is displayed on our windows every Friday, with information about the week ahead.

We are planning to design and construct robots. If you have any small empty boxes, please bring them to school.

If your child is unwell, you need to contact the school office directly. Children should attend school every day and parents should aim for good attendance. Good attendance can help your child make friends and learn social skills, build good habits for school and future learning, help them to play, learn and have fun and develop in each area of learning.



Information:

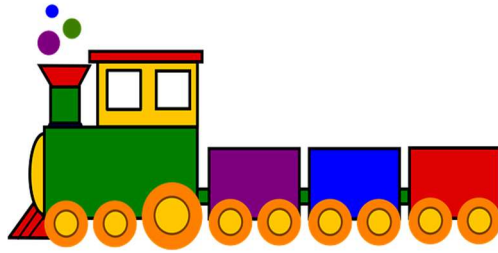
- Please spend time reading and sharing books at home. You can find some useful information about the importance of reading on: oxfordowl.co.uk and booktrust.org.uk/bathbookbed. You have been given a "Top Tips for Reading" sheet and a "Bookbag" information sheet. If you have misplaced these sheets, please ask for new ones.
- Continue to practise self-dressing skills with your child - coat/hat/scarf and gloves. This is really important, especially during the Winter months. The children play outdoors every day and should arrive at Pre School, appropriately dressed.
- **£2.00 donation for snack/cooking** for this term is now due, via Parent Pay.
- Please ensure that you and your child have signed up to Class Dojo. There will be weekly updates from each class.
- Please let school know if there are any changes with prescribed medicines/dietary needs/telephone numbers.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 begins

Friday 13th February - Last day of term

Monday 23rd February - Term 4 begins



FUN AT HOME IDEAS!

- Talk to your child about the toys and games you played with when you were little and ask grandma and grandad to tell your child about their favourite toys
- Make a thank you card to your family for all the wonderful presents you received at Christmas
- Cut out old Christmas cards and create a winter scene
- Go for a walk on a snowy day, a rainy day, a windy day, a frosty day
- Play Board games together and practise taking turns and counting
- Complete jigsaw puzzles
- Have fun building and designing with lego or duplo
- Do some junk modelling with different sized boxes
- Make a collection of objects that begin with the same sound e.g., "Things that begin with the sound a"
- Do lots of counting using your toys e.g., Line up toy cars and point to/ count how many there are. Group the cars by colour and talk about more/less
- Build towers with building bricks - Make big and little towers and count how many bricks there are in each tower
- Put your wooden trains on the train track and count how many carriages there are on each train. Try and match the number of carriages to the correct numeral
- Line up all of the teddies/cuddly toys and count how many there are. Point to the tallest teddy/toy and then the smallest one. Arrange the teddies/toys by size.
- Draw a picture of a teddy and think about the shapes you need to draw
- Draw a picture of a snowman and think about the shapes you need to draw
- Continue to practise counting to five, then ten (and beyond) and think about the shape of each numeral from one to five then one to ten
- Play with your toy animals and see how many animals and baby animals you can name
- Draw a picture of your favourite toy and say something about it
- Practise recognising and writing your name
- Explore toys that move and toys that have moving parts
- Find pictures of toys that children played with long ago
- Read books and poems about winter time and books about toys
- Visit the library and borrow books by your favourite author
- Look at a world map and find the UK then look for China
- Have a Chinese meal together and have fun using chopsticks

