

## Early Years Summer Newsletter

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays, we hope you had a fantastic break and we are really looking forward to all the exciting events we have coming up in the Summer Term. We are always very pleased to welcome new children into our setting and this week we have welcomed Jack into Acorns.

### Topic

This half term we will explore lifecycles, vehicles and then learn about keeping healthy during Health Week. We started our 'Lifecycles' topic with the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' The children have loved joining in with the story and Acorns have learned a caterpillar song. Ask them to sing it and show you the actions! We are really looking forward to watching our own caterpillars grow and then become butterflies! Maples will continue this theme, searching for other minibeasts and looking at other creatures that undergo metamorphosis. Maples children will also be designing boats, testing materials and comparing transport and vehicles from now and in the past.



### Maths

Acorns will be continuing to practice counting to 5, learning how to find 1 more and 1 less, and about different shapes.

Maples will be exploring 3D shapes, the composition of and counting to 20 and beyond and beginning to look at adding and taking away.

### Phonics

In Phonics, Acorns will start learning letters and sounds each week as well as continuing with lots of nursery rhyme singing, silly sentences and rhyming games.

Maples will be continuing with their Read Write Inc phonics. All children have made good progress in the last half term which is fantastic. Please continue to support this progress at home. Regular reading of reading books and RWI booklets/sound sheets really helps to embed and practice the learning they have completed at school. Just a few minutes a day makes all the difference. Please write in your child's yellow book when they have read – we love to read all the comments!

## Reminders

Water bottles- please name them as this is extremely helpful.

Spare clothes- please make sure Acorns have spare clothes in school.

Coats- it is still cold and rainy- please make sure your child has a long-sleeved coat that is suitable for the weather.

Maples PE day is Wednesday. Children should have shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps- please label these!

As the weather improves, we will have more PE sessions on the big playground.

## Dates for the diary

30/4/25	Leeds Rhinos assembly in school
1/5/25	Maples walk to Weston Play Park – road safety focus
5/5/25	May Day bank holiday
7/5/25	Author, Beth Woolvin in to see Maple, Silver Birch and Willow classes
18/5/25	Carnival club at Ashfield 10am-2pm
19-23/5/25	Health Week – A separate newsletter will give more details
19-23/5/25	Walk to school week
26-30/5/25	Half term
2/6/25	Training day
3-13/6/25 –	Geography fieldwork fortnight
4/6/25	Friends of Ashfield 6:30pm The Yew Tree
6/6/25	Maples to Hesketh Farm
11/6/25	Acorn Father's Day picnic 12:15pm
16-20/6/25	SEND week
21/6/25	Otley Carnival
23/6/25	Class photo day
30/6/25	Reports to parents and carers
4/6/25	Dress as you please day for hamper raffle prizes
9/7/25	Acorn and Maple sports day 2:15pm
10/7/25	In school transition
13/7/25	Summer Fair and Circus – shows at 11, 1 and 3
18/7/25	Break up for the summer holidays