



### Acorn Spring Curriculum Letter 2026

A very warm welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happy, settled, and ready to learn, with such smiles on their faces.

This term our main topic of learning is '**People Who Help Us**'. We will be learning about the police, fire and medical services, as well as farming, postal services, and even teachers! We already have some exciting visitors planned; however, if you or someone you know would like to come in to talk to the children about their role, we would be very grateful.

Thank you so much for the donations of recycling materials. These will be used to support our junk modelling next week, where the children will be focusing on joining materials, creating moving parts, and thinking about how vehicles can help others.

In **Phonics**, the children will be exploring more tricky words. You should all have received a tricky word bookmark—these are words your child is expected to recognise by sight. You may also hear your child talk about “alien” or nonsense words; these are made-up words that help develop decoding skills and prepare children for the Year 1 phonics screening check.

In **Literacy**, we will continue to explore a text or cartoon in detail each week through Drawing Club. This week's focus text is *The Little Red Hen*.

In **Maths**, we will continue to consolidate our learning by exploring the composition of numbers up to 10, with a particular focus on quick recall of number bonds and subitising skills. We will also be learning about space and measure through practical, hands-on activities.

**PE** will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please continue to practise independent changing at home, as this really helps us make the most of these sessions. If possible, please avoid shoelaces unless your child is confident tying them, and ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. We will be starting a gymnastics unit this term.

**Reading** books will continue to be changed on Mondays. Please ensure reading books and reading records are brought into school every day. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading level, please do contact me.

**Open Door** – If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and chat or drop me an email.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Sullivan and the Acorn Team**