

# Waterman Primary School



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## Acorn Class Newsletter- Autumn 2017 Our theme is 'Marvellous Me'



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Acorn Class! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your child better over this term, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year. During the first half term, we will be settling the children into the routines of school life. We want the children to be happy and confident learners and will be concentrating on behaviour and social skills in the first few weeks. We will also be completing baseline assessments to find out the best ways to build on the skills they already have. Once the assessments are finished and we have a complete picture of your child's current level we will begin our theme, 'Marvellous Me.'

In the first few weeks we will be sending home a class library book. The library book is to be shared for pure enjoyment. We want to encourage a life-long love of reading.

We will begin to work on reading skills once our baseline assessments are complete. You will then be invited in for a workshop later in the term so that you can learn how to support your child's learning at home.

### Role of Parents

**Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school events as possible and support your child's learning. In order to do this you will need to do the following:**

- Read all letters and communication,
- Attend workshops and meetings,
- Communicate concerns and info with EYFS staff,
- Daily reading,
- Download the Tapestry app and contribute with comments, pictures and videos,
- Talk to your child about their day and achievements.

## Tapestry

Please log-in to check what your child has been doing each week. Remember that you can 'like' and add comments.



The parental access and contributions part of Tapestry is an **additional tool** which we pay extra for. We believe giving you access and powers to add to your child's learning journal is beneficial in the following ways:

- It is a great way to **involve you** in your child's learning,
- It creates a brilliant **partnership** between home and school,
- It aids communication,
- It gives you an idea what your child does at school,
- and gives us an insight into **talents and skills** from home,
- helps you start conversations with your child. Instead of saying, 'What did you do at school today?' and your child just saying, 'I played.' You can say, 'I saw you played with ice today What did it feel like?'



Please, please make sure you are taking advantage of this fab tool! We'd love feedback on how you are finding it (survey to follow).

Homework challenge Competition  
Prizes awarded to children who complete the challenge.

Prizes for those children who read at home every day too.

### Up-coming Parent Workshops for Acorn Class

- Reading and phonics

Dates TBA

### Autumn Term Learning Literacy

Topsy and Tim start school  
Mouse's big day – Lydia Monks  
Who's in my family- Robbie Harris  
My Mum and Dad make me laugh -Nick Sharratt  
The Growing Story -Ruth Krauss  
All by Myself – Mercer Mayer  
Non-fiction based on senses

### Acorn Class' Timetabled Sessions:

**Monday-** Helicopter Stories (writing and acting)  
**Tuesday-** Forest School (wellies and coats please)  
**Wednesday-** Wellness- Yoga  
**Thursday-** PE (PE kits please)

We look forward to a happy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs King & EYFS team**

