

20th February, 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and managed to rest and recharge. This half-term looks set to be busy and fun so we hope that the children are all raring to go!

This term's topic is "Around the World" and we will be learning about lots of different countries and the differences and similarities of their foods, customs and environments. We would welcome any holiday photos, postcards or souvenirs that the children would like to put on our topic table to show and tell to the class.

We will begin our new topic with a story called 'The Leopard's Drum', set in Africa. We have lots of exciting activities planned including: learning about African drums and music; making our own drums; African animal mask making; looking at maps and globes and finding out about where chocolate comes from!

In maths this week, we will be investigating the numbers within 7. A key focus will be on partitioning 7 (splitting it into parts) and thinking about the missing part. For example, seeing that 7 can be made of 5 and 2.

In phonics, the children will be learning the tri-graph (3 letters, one sound) *ure* and the di-graphs *er* and *ow* (eg. grow). They will also be reviewing all the sounds learnt so far and using them in spelling words.

We are collecting pulses, spices and grains for collage and sensory play activities so please do send in anything you may find at the back of the cupboard that have past it's expiry date - we will put it to good use!

Best wishes

The Acorn Team