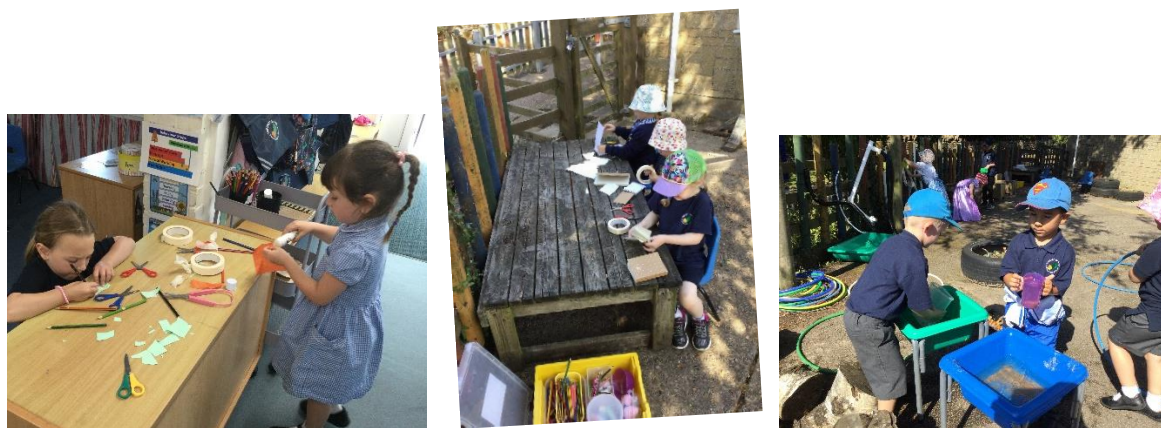


Acorn Update: Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome to the first Acorn update of the new academic year. I have printed a copy out for everyone today, but in future, you will be able to find it on the Acorn page on the school website at the end of the week. You can access it via the link: [Acorn Class \(EYFS\) - SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL \(sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk\)](https://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk)

This week we have all been getting to know each other and settling into the routines of the class. The children have worked really well together and have enjoyed learning inside and outside.

The children have all managed really well and it has been lovely to meet all their grownups.



Phonics:

The children in Reception have already started their learning in phonics, using the school scheme Jolly Phonics. The folder which has been sent home (with this update in), is to stay at home for you to collect the phoneme sheets in. These sheets are to support your child in practising the actions, which match the phonemes (sounds), they do not need to be brought back into school. This week the children have learnt **s** and **a**. Please do not worry about the letter formation if your child is not ready, but do encourage a little colouring to support development in fine motor, pencil control and pencil grip. If you need any tips on pencil grip, please just ask.

Books:

All the children in Acorn are invited to take a book home each afternoon. These are for a family adult to read to their child during the evening. Once the book is returned, another book can be chosen.

Class Theme:

This half term our theme is **'This is me'**, the children have already been drawing and painting their families and talking about what they like and do not like. We have been talking about how we are all different and all amazing.

Homework for week beginning 18.9.23

We will be looking at how we have changed the week after next and would like to ask if your child could bring in **ONE photo of themselves as babies**. Then we can play 'guess the baby!' and talk about how they have changed. We will happily photocopy original photos, as we know how precious they are.

Uniform: Please can all uniform be named.

Thank you to families who have taken items of uniform which has been outside at the end of the school day. If you would like any other/more items just let Acorn staff know as we will have a rummage for you!

Thank you to you all for a great first week.

Enjoy the weekend and we hope your Little Acorns are not too exhausted.

Ms Blake & Mrs Benjamin