

Dear Parents, Carers and Acacia Nursery School Children,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and were able to enjoy some time in the sunshine with your families.

Last week we welcomed some children back to the nursery and it was lovely to see so many familiar, happy faces again. The children adapted really well and settled into their social bubbles smoothly. They have already formed good bonds with the staff in their group and lovely friendships with their peers. We have been doing lots of outdoor learning, phonics, maths and cooking and the children have also enjoyed playing imaginatively with one another. It was a wonderful first week back and I am so pleased that the children are enjoying being reunited with their friends again and able to have more social interactions.

I would like to thank you all for following the guidelines that we set out and I hope you are happy with the arrangements we have made. Everyone has arrived promptly and been picked up on time and this has meant that our social bubble system has worked effectively and we have been able to keep all the children and staff as safe as possible and to allow this all to run smoothly. Please continue to do this.

If your child is still at home, the staff at Acacia will be making regular calls to you and we will still be providing home learning for you to do with your child. The home learning will be similar to the work that the children will be doing at nursery.

If you have changed your mind regarding your decision as to whether to send your child back or not, please let me know via email: [hrose21.320@lgflmail.org](mailto:hrose21.320@lgflmail.org) and I can organise your child's integration into a social bubble.

## NHS Hand Washing Video

The NHS have created a video to help young children wash hands correctly. Please ensure your child is still washing their hands regularly to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>



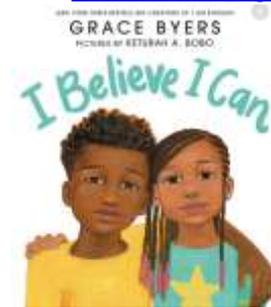
[How to wash your hands](#)  
[NHS song | NHS](#)

## Summer Term Curriculum

This term's topic is 'Holidays' and gives children the opportunity to think about the world around them and further their understanding of different cultures and places in the world.

It is a particularly relevant topic at the moment with the stories currently in the news and the sad realisation that inequality and racism is something that is still so prevalent in the world. At Acacia Nursery School we acknowledge, respect and celebrate differences and commonalities of our community and more than ever we need to ensure that everyone, regardless of their race, creed and religion feel that they have the opportunities in life to succeed in whatever they choose. Through stories, picture books and circle times children can build an understanding and be educated on the matter.

A couple of weeks ago a parent mentioned 'Woke Babies' to me and I researched it. I found that only 1% of children's books published in the UK have a black protagonist. If anyone has any names of books that they have found particularly useful and helpful that help to educate young children on race, inequality and diversity, please share with me via email: [hrose21.320@lgflmail.org](mailto:hrose21.320@lgflmail.org).



## Some Useful Links and Websites

<https://family.co/blog/inspiration/10-creative-early-years-maths-activities/>  
<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/phonics-activities-for-preschoolers/>  
<https://www.teachwire.net/news/5-of-the-best-phonics-games-for-eyfs-and-ks1>

Continue to send your photos of all your amazing work and activities you have been doing. My email address is: [hrose21.320@lgflmail.org](mailto:hrose21.320@lgflmail.org).

Connie used pastels to draw a picture of her and her friend Hollie reunited in the nursery garden. I love the patterned dresses and smiling faces!



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and some push pindles-

The children have also been busy writing and have been using their knowledge of phonics to spell.

Bethany used watercolours to paint a beautiful magic carpet like the one in 'My Granny Went to Market'.

Ayda has been practising her number recognition by playing a car game at home! This looks like a fun way to learn!

