

# Acorns Teaching School Alliance NEWSLETTER



*“Growing Leaders, Growing Learners”*

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Spring is definitely in the air, and we are sure that everyone is looking forward to the Easter holidays, and the hope of a sunny and hopefully uneventful summer term! As lockdown eases, we will be looking to re-start some of our face-to-face training, and will be releasing training dates soon. We are also available for staff training and already have bookings in the diary, so do get in touch .

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Gina Alessi our administrator at the end of term. Gina is a much valued member of our team and we wish her well in her new role.

## Documenting Children’s Learning

Observing and documenting children’s learning is a key part of early years practice. Finding the best way to do this, can be challenging. This useful guidance clearly discusses digital documentation and its potential and possible pitfalls.

<https://www.froebel.org.uk/uploads/documents/guidance-for-practitioners-on-digital-documentation.pdf>

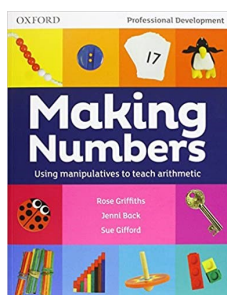
## Acorns Blog

Read our latest blog, highlighting the importance of first-hand experiences for children and particularly the benefit of children engaging with animals.

<https://acornstsa.co.uk/animal-encounters/>

## Book Recommendation

Making Numbers is a great book with ideas for how to teach arithmetic using manipulatives. It covers the whole primary range with lots of good ideas for EYFS.



## Outdoor Learning


Spring is such a great time to be outdoors, with so many engaging seasonal experiences happening. If you’re thinking about developing your outdoor environment and learning more about the value of outdoor play, do take a look at Helen Tovey’s free pamphlet.

<https://www.froebel.org.uk/uploads/documents/FT-Outdoor->

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