

Acorn update – Friday 14th May 2021

This week has been a week full of weather! However, as usual, the little Acorns have been out and about making maps using natural objects in Forest school, repotting their sunflower seedlings and improving their throwing, catching, batting and bowling skills in PE. The children have also spent many playtimes making potions and soups using the fallen blossom from the tree in our outside area. Some children have also been using the crates as ‘blossom ploughs’ to clean a route.

In English, the children have been listening to and reflecting on our class book of the ‘Fox and the Star’, which we have nearly finished. We learnt this week that foxes love to munch on beetles, so have been finding out facts about these small creatures. The children learnt that they live in the same habitat as foxes, but can also live in water, a ladybird is a beetle, beetles live in colonies and there are 370,000 species!

In maths, the children have been exploring the language of time. We have not been teaching ‘telling the time’ but rather the vocabulary of the passing of time, such as days of the week and months of the year. The children have been considering problems such as ‘If today is Wednesday, what day will it be tomorrow and what day was it yesterday?’ We have been learning which day and month our birthdays are in and have made a display in Acorn class to help everyone remember. The children have been reciting and counting days and months and should know that there are 7 days in the week and 12 months in the year. The children have also ordered the birthdays in ‘their’ month by date to see whose birthday is first. We even found out that Florence is 2 minutes older than Cecily, so Florence’s name had to be placed first in their birthday month (as it only right!).

During the week the children have been colour mixing (using primary colours only) to make woodland pictures, they have been making collages using woodland trust magazines by cutting and gluing. This week the children have been making healthy woodland treats from playdough to support their learning that fruit and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. The children have also been learning that people should eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day! So, they have created teeny tiny, healthy treats to serve at a tiny tea party for wooden woodland creatures. The children are also continuing to learn about the artist William Morris and have made their print blocks

All children are working hard with their reading and are practising these skills at home, which is making a really difference. We have been able to move many children onto new book band colour as a result – so a big thank you.

Thank you also for putting spare socks in book bags – what a difference this has made when the children have soggy socks from the rain!

NOTICES:

- **Please remember layers and a waterproof coat as it has been very wet and cold this week!**
- **Sun hats popped into book bags – just in case (although not needed this week!)**
- **Please remember a water bottle in school each day please as the children drink from these at lunchtime.**

Have a good weekend, see you on Monday,

Miss Blake & Mrs Evans