

Acorn update – Friday 16th July 2021

What a wonderful and extremely busy week we have had. We began by learning all about bears and have collected bear facts by reading books and watching programmes all about bears. The children have made their own bear information books with writing and pictures to show what they have learnt. All this learning has been inspired by the character in our class book 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. We were amazed to learn that bears can open hard fruit shells, which we would need to use a drill or a saw for; that polar bears are born in a den in the snow and take a while to get used to the cold and that cubs suckle milk for up to two years as they are mammals like us!

On Tuesday we all joined in with the inter school pentathlon and recorded our own results for our achievements. We were all so impressed with how much the children had improved throughout the year. They enjoyed coming together for this first sporting contest of the week.

On Wednesday it was Bastille Day. The children all looked fantastic in their red, white and blue clothing and enjoyed practicing their French themed activities. The children learnt about the history of Bastille Day and were a bit perplexed to learn that children in France had the day off school today! The children also learnt about the king of France being caught due his face being recognised on a coin and that the rich did not share with the poor. We made French cockades (rosettes), learnt the song 'Savez-vous planter les choux?', played boules and watched a video about a trip to Paris containing many of the famous landmarks. We really did have a wonderful day and the children really got into the spirit of the celebration. A big thank you to Mrs Perkins who led these superb experiences for our children albeit virtually.

On Thursday during forest school the children were able to put into practise all the learning they have completed over the past half term and could choose an activity they enjoyed the most. Some made dens with sticks, some made nests for birds and others made habitats for small creatures and minibeasts. It was great to see the children working independently of adults and working with their peers in a productive and purposeful way.

We finished the week off with sports day today, which we decided to do in the morning, due to the hot weather. This was a huge success, with all the children receiving stickers, medals and an ice cream to say well done! The children loved racing and cheering on their friends and it was such a treat to have the whole school out together (socially distanced in bubbles).

Don't be surprised if your little ones need a rest this weekend!

Next week is the final week of the school year and is set to be another exciting one.

Monday: school uniform (the children will be watching the outdoor performance of Oak class (dress rehearsal) of Midsummer Night's Dream, outside on the field)

Tuesday: PE kit (Reception children may wish to bring their school uniform to change into as it is their Graduation ceremony at 2.15pm on the playground)

Wednesday: school uniform (a calm penultimate day in Acorn class)

Thursday: Forest school kit – We are having forest school this morning.

Friday: The school closed as the summer holidays begin!

Take care and enjoy the weekend ... Miss Blake & Mrs Evans