

## Acorn Update Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Good Morning Everyone!

I hope you have had a nice weekend. This weekend I decided to clean my windows and finish some painting on my house, which I started ages ago and then got a bit bored! At the weekend, I am trying to do those jobs, which I don't really want to do, but know once they are done, I will feel pleased with myself! We have had a busy week as Olly has had some exams he has had to work really hard for. He doesn't enjoy all the schoolwork, which he has to do, so it has been difficult for him, but now they are finished he is feeling very pleased that he did the best he could.

It is great to support each other, especially at the moment and this week I have tried my best to support Olly, although I have been very busy with school work. However, Miss Roseblade has supported me this week (as you will see in this update), which has made me feel really happy too. So, to say a big thank you to all you Acorns, for doing your Purple Mash and sending me lovely messages (when you submit work!), I have attached a 'Thank You' this week on your class update page (with other resources) which you are welcome to print out and have at home if you wish x

### **This weeks learning:**

This week I would like you to find out about a day in the life of a zoo keeper. These are some videos which you might enjoy watching:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHBW-aDIo0>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-09/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-zookeeper/9228216>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/biggleton-zookeeper>

Miss Roseblade also found that there are two web cams at Cotswold Wildlife Park, this is the link for the ones in the meerkat enclosure:

<https://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk/animals-gardens/web-cams/live-meerkat-cam/>

- Talk with your family about what this job would be like:
- Which bits would you really enjoy?
- Which bits do you think would be difficult?
- Would you like to have this job?

### **Science**

Choose an animal (may be one from the videos) that you are interested in and find out as much as you can about them for example:

- What do they eat (diet)?
- Where do they live (habitat)?
- What do they enjoy doing (behaviour)?

You could share your findings with someone else in your family or make a poster/information cards/book/video clip to tell others what you have found out.

**Creative:**

Make a picture of your animal. It could be drawn, painted, made from natural objects you collect outside – use your imagination!

I hope you have enjoyed this half term's topic of 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. The half term seems to have flown past!

**English:**

This week year 1 children are sequencing stories as part of their learning and also thinking about using 'senses' to describe. On Purple Mash I have set a story sequencing animation so you can make your own picture story (I think you can add sound too – so have a look).

Foundation stage children also have a story theme about The Ugly Duckling (which I know is an Acorn favourite!)

**Maths:**

Maths this week is all about adding and subtracting 11 and 12, weight, length and difference. Foundation stage children have a lot of counting and number games to practise those numbers and which order they go in. Miss Roseblade told me about a Super Movers video linked to measures which I think you will all enjoy:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-length-height/zdrx92p>

She told me that her class love Super Movers, so I'm sure you will too! Also you could play some family games if you have them like, snakes and ladders, UNO, pairs, snap (with playing cards).

**Purple Mash:**

- Mermaid number bonds to 10 race (set weekly)
- Rocket number bonds to 20 (set weekly)
- Phonics – FS have ck/e
- Spellings – Y1 have 'Exception words' (and, come etc)
- Dictation – Y1 children
- Spelling (Look, cover, write, check)
- Story sequence animation – for all Acorns

Please remember to see which work suits your child and dip in and out as you see fit and that fits in with your day/ schedule.

Now we can exercise more frequently try and get out as much as possible.

Be kind to each other and keep safe.

Remember to look for my 'Thank You' to you.

Take care

Miss Blake

