

## Acorn Update – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

What a busy week we have had!

This week we have been learning about mammals in Acorn class as part of our Animal Magic Topic. We have had visits from Mrs Heather and her puppy Nemi, Mrs Higley and her daughters 'Robo' hamster Cleo, Mr Cameron and his two tortoises Salt and Pepper (via photographs as they do not like to travel). We also have been handling our Guinea Pigs, Frank and Finn and learning more about how to look after them. We have collected lots of information about these pets and will be making a 'Pet Fact file'. Look out for a display of all our visitors.

In Maths the children have been working hard to add and subtract. Year one children have been adding and subtracted 10 and then 11 from two digit numbers and Foundation stage children have been adding on 1, 2, 3, 4. We have been encouraging children to work independently whilst adults work with small groups and many children have been awarded house points for doing this really well.

Acorn class have been very creative this week and have been learning about Noah and the Ark as a start to our work on stories from the Old Testament. They have been drawing pictures, sequencing the story and singing songs which they really enjoyed.

In music and movement this week during our Monday PE session, the children were imagining and moving like they were flying dragons and then pretending to be tiny ants; moving in long lines and then running to hide!

Our Castle has now disappeared (!! ) and we have a Zoo area with a safari area, sea life area, reptile area and even a touch barn for more friendly creatures such as cats, dogs, rabbits and I even spotted a hedgehog!

We would like to develop our Zoo role play area further by making a tree which birds of prey and garden birds would like to visit (we have a singing blue tit soft toy which the children have discovered and a couple of owls already). So if you have any long tubes (foil, kitchen roll etc) then we would love it if you could bring them in to help make the branches.

We are also intending adding a vet area if anyone has any resources which may come in handy!

Homework will be sent out this week, so look out for it in book bags. Thank you to all the children who have brought in their drawings, photos and information about our classification wall. We have used some of them to decorate our Zoo area.

Next week Acorn class will be learning about British birds. I have enclosed a bird spotting sheet. If you have time over the weekend or next week, see if you can sit somewhere quietly and spot any of these birds. It is not a competition, so if you and your child spot one or two and you are able to talk about what its name is, the colours, what it is doing, then that would be brilliant.

Thank you

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