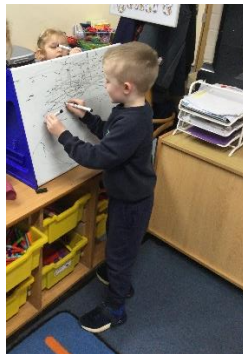


Acorn Update: Friday 26th January 2024

Over the past few weeks the Little Acorns have been enjoying being active. They have been enjoying moving as different animals from different habitats in gymnastics, moving along with Joe Wicks and the Hey Duggee crew and moving their bodies as they join in with 'Write dance', led by Mrs Benjamin. All these physical activities help to promote a strong core which benefits the children as they move to writing sat at tables. The children enjoy copying this whole class learning in their independent time in and around the environment.



Theme 3 – Where are they?

This week the children have been learning about Nocturnal and Diurnal animals native to our area. The children have been completing quizzes, sorting pictures and drawing and colouring these two groups of animals. Ask your child about which animals fall into each group and why.

In maths, the children have been comparing Mass using the mathematical language of 'heavier' and 'lighter' using balance scales. They have been using the Stem Sentence: "It is lighter because the balance is higher" and "It is heavier because the balance is lower".

The children have been keen to practise and consolidate their learning in the outdoor environment.



In addition to making comparisons, the children have been measuring Mass using cubes. They have been exploring this practically and then using the Stem sentences which include the word 'mass'.



The mass of the apple is 3 cubes.



The mass of the cherry is 1 cube.



The mass of the _____ is _____ cubes.

Phonics, Reading & Writing

The children in Reception are all working hard learning and applying their phonics and they have nearly learnt all 35 phonemes from Step 1 of the scheme. The children are now learning **tricky words** (these are the words that cannot be decoded by segmenting and blending) such as I, the, he, she, me, be, was.

Ask your children about the tricky words they know.

The children are keen to use these words, together with their phonic knowledge to write independently and confidently in their morning books.

Next week

We are hosting an Olympic Athlete in school on *Wednesday afternoon* (from 1pm) and the children (who attend at this time) will be taking part in some circuits and listening to his inspirational talk.

It is also **National storytelling week** – so there will be even more talk and even more stories!

Have a good weekend

Ms Blake