

Acorn update – Friday 30th April 2021

This week the children have been learning about foxes in relation to our class book. The children have been watching and reading non-fiction material to gather information to add to their own knowledge about foxes. Some interesting facts we have found out are:

- A group of foxes is called a 'Skulk'
- Foxes are part of the dog family
- Fox poo can be used to see what they have eaten
- You can smell a fox before you see it!

In English, we have continued with our new book, 'The fox and the star' by Coralie Bickford-Smith. The children have been learning about foxes and gathered information, which they have recalled through sentence writing.

The children have been making dens and nests during forest school, practising batting and fielding skills in PE and recognising the importance of perseverance in their learning through our new PSHE curriculum resource SCARF. The children have been exploring colour mixing using the three primary colours (red, yellow, blue) to make secondary colours (orange, green, purple). Next week we will be using these colour-mixing skills to paint pictures of woodland habitats and animals, which live there.

In maths, we have continued to learn about place value within 50. The children have been doing lots of practical work to help them understand that the first digit represents 'how many tens' and the second digit represent 'how many ones'. Children in year one and some Reception children have been able to show their understanding of this through drawings and diagrams. Some children in Reception have also been working on ordering numbers to 20, using a number line for support when needed, rather than relying on an adult. This has encouraged independence, which has been great for the children.

Reading books & diaries: Well done to everyone who is managing to read at home. We are very impressed - keep up the good work everyone!

Spellings: Please continue to practise spellings at home (the list is on the Acorn page). The children are doing really well with these at school and it is encouraging them to become confident writers.

NOTICES:

- **Please remember layers as it has been very cold this week**
- **Sun hats popped into book bags – just in case**
- **Water bottle in school each day please**

Enjoy the long weekend and we will see you all back in school on **Tuesday 4th May!**

Take care,

Miss Blake & Mrs Evans