

Acorn Update Monday 4th May 2020

I can't believe it is a new month! It is now May! Can you say the months of the year starting from January up to May (like we would at school), what number month is May? I have been looking at our class list and noticed that no one has a birthday in May, however Fred had a birthday in March and Jake had his birthday in April – so happy birthday to you two boys and sorry it's a bit late!!

I have enjoyed looking at all the work which has been completed on Purple Mash this week and well done to all the children who have completed spelling and phonics tasks too. I am able to see times and scores for all the work I have set, even if you are unable to submit it, so keep up the good work. It has also been great to see some new children using Purple Mash this week and putting lots of effort in to their learning, so well done to you as well.

This week our learning is all about caterpillars and butterflies.



This week's topic work:

- For your Science this week I am going to need a bit of extra help from your parents. The lesson is to teach about camouflage so I will need your grown-ups to hide some “pretend” caterpillars around your garden or in a room in your house if it is very wet outside. In school, we would use little pieces of wool, quite a few pieces of green (which should camouflage) and then a mixture of other much brighter colours. If you don't have any wool you could use strips of cut up crisps packets, pieces of paper, ribbons, coloured in cardboard or anything else you can think of that would do the job. You will then go and collect as many as you can in a set time (maybe 1 minute?) and then look and see what colours you have the most of. Why do you think that is the case? If you were a 'predator,' which caterpillars do, you think you would eat first. Why would that be?
- Next, I would like you to watch these videos to find out about the life cycle of a caterpillar.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kZD6rISLUw>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/how-caterpillars-change-into-butterflies-no-narration/zn4rkmn>
I have set a Purple Mash 'to-do' to *make a life cycle* and an *add colour to a life cycle*, try to remember the names of the different stages and add them if you can.
- For your creative task you can choose either to draw or paint or make a caterpillar or butterfly, looking very closely at their markings (it will probably be easier to do this from an image rather than a live one!). I have set a 'to-do' on Purple Mash to create a Butterfly picture as well as asymmetrical art challenge, which is really good fun and made me laugh when I tried it!

English activities (zipped): This week Year 1 children will be learning about poetry and rhyming and they will be going on Bear and a Lion Hunts. Year 1 children will also be reading and writing letters. Foundation stage children, will be listening to a story about a postman who delivers post to a range of animals, writing labels for animal parcels and a letter to send.

Maths activities (zipped): This week Year 1 children will be learning about adding on, doubles and counting on in tens. Children in foundation stage will be using numbers to 20 to say which is more and less, counting to 100, writing numbers and counting the value of coins.

I have reset set the Purple Mash *number bonds to 10 Mermaid racing game* and have added a *rocket number bonds to 20* racing game for all children in Acorn class. The rocket game made me feel a bit dizzy, racing around a planet!

Spelling: Year 1 spellings are 'ph, wh' this week on Purple Mash and a 'Look Cover Write Check' practise sheet. Remember, you do not need to print these, you can use a ruler to create your own sheet or your child can just write them each day, maybe after the date, like in school. Foundation Stage children have 'ch, sh' phonemes this week and I have set a Purple Mash activity for you to try, maybe on your own?

Purple Mash set this week:

- Mermaid number bonds to 10 race (set weekly)
- Rocket number bonds to 20
- Butterfly art
- Life cycle of a butterfly x2
- Reflection drawing
- Spellings/phonics (as above)
- *Addition and subtraction fact to 20 (set weekly)*

If your child is struggling with the work set for their age group or they would like more of a challenge, please do dip into the 'other' year group, as in Acorn class the children would learn by their stage and not age necessarily. Remember to email me using the homework email address if you need advice or support.

Just one last thing ... last week Olly had a PJ day, as he felt tired and a bit down, so if you need one – do what you need to do. Everyone is managing differently and you should do what feels is right for you. When the sun isn't shining, as this week, I find things a bit harder to manage and you might too.

I miss you all and am thinking about you all the time. Please stay safe, be kind and helpful and do as you're told! Please talk to someone if you are feeling worried or a bit sad and need a hug, it is completely normal.

Hope to see you all soon

Miss Blake