

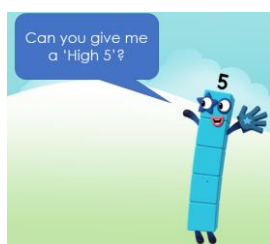
Acorn Update: Friday 8th November 2024

Welcome back after the half term break. It has been lovely to welcome all the Little Acorns back and listen to them talking all about their adventures.

This week we have been continuing with our Jolly Phonics learning and have now learnt all 42 phonemes, which means the children can begin to write with confidence. An exciting new adventure is about to begin! Next week we will be using our phonic knowledge to kickstart writing for different purposes. The children will be writing labels for the classroom and learning how to use the phoneme cards to support this independently.

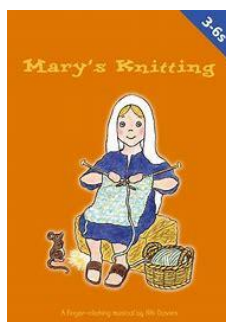


The children have been learning about **Counting, ordinality and cardinality** up to and including the number 5. They have been practising 'high fives', reciting and learning new rhymes with numbers up to 5, collecting 5 objects which are the same (and different) and exploring 5 patterns on the dice.



The Reception children have had their second and third Protective Behaviours sessions this week and have been learning and talking about the correct names for their private parts; how to keep themselves safe and how to identify their 'Early Warning Signs'. Your child will have brought home a couple of activity sheets, which they have completed to consolidate this learning. You may wish to discuss these with them in more detail.

The children in Acorn and Beech classes have been listening to our Nativity story for this year with Mrs Benjamin. It is called **Mary's Knitting**. Please look out for further information about parts, costumes and other bits and bobs!



This week has also seen the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire night. The children have been learning about these festivals and noticing similarities between them. They have created some superb firework paintings which will be displayed in the classroom.



Next week in school is Anti-bullying week and also National Nursery Rhyme week.

So, have a lovely weekend and enjoy the school fireworks if you are attending.

Ms Blake