

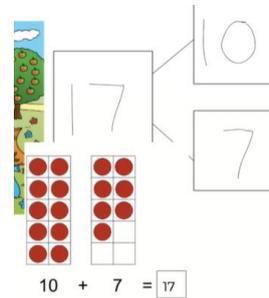
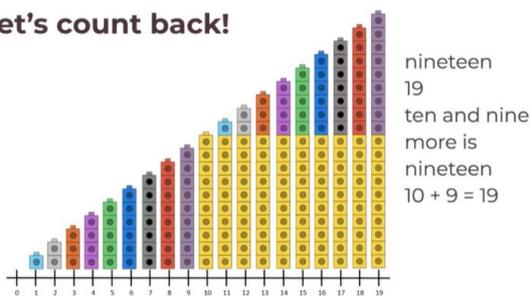
Acorn Update – Friday 11th December 2020

This week in Acorn class, the children have been writing about the events, which happened in the story of The Three Billy Goats gruff. The children have been preparing for writing from last week, which involved making puppets, building bridges and then retelling the story with both these aids. The children have been able to use their phoneme knowledge gained since September to have successful attempts at writing. This week the children have also been reading and writing tricky words as part of their morning task, which has improved their confidence.

The children have been assessing if they were able to group bridges by materials at the end of last week and have looked at amazing structures form around the world. The children have really enjoyed talking about their favourite structures and explaining why they liked them.

In maths this week, the children have been explaining their understanding of numbers to 20 and have been investigating where and why these numbers are positioned on a number line. This is called Place Value.

Let's count back!



During the afternoons, the little Acorns have been preparing the props needed for our online Pantomime of 'The Snow Queen', which has been kindly organised by Mrs Williams (who works in Willow with Year 3 & 4). The children have made spiders, snowballs, flowers, wolf masks and puppets! We will be watching, and joining in with the performance on Monday 14th December. The children will also be able to 'sing-a-long', so it should all be good festive fun!

Today Mrs Perkins has been teaching the children all about the traditions of Hanukkah. They have enjoyed listening to Mrs Perkins talk about the festival (which she celebrates with her family) and have been able to ask lots of questions. The children have watched 'My first Hannukah' on CBeebies and then looked at some artefacts and pictures brought in by Mrs Perkins. Mrs Perkins also, very kindly made a little video to show the children, the blessing over the candles, which her husband gave on the first day of Hannukah (Thursday). Finally, the children enjoyed making their own Chanukiah.

It has been lovely to see the children wearing their Christmas jumpers today to raise money for Save the Children. The Christmas lunch was an extra special treat, as the PTA provided crackers for the children. The children had made festive place mats, so, together with festive napkins and Christmas music, it really has been a fun time.

Finally, to finish off the day, the children watched the world premiere of 'A King is Born' (their nativity play), on the big classroom screen. All the children were superstars and it is truly an amazing

nativity. A big thank you must go to Mrs Perkins, who is responsible for editing, sound effects and all the technical stuff!!! The children in Willow and Oak will be able to watch the play (as is traditional, usually as a dress rehearsal) next week, with Acorn and Beech parents having access via Office 365. A password and full instructions will be sent home next week

Please also keep an eye out for an email from the Acorn email address, as a 'Nativity gift' will be landing in your inbox (or spam!) in the next week.

A change of plan ...

Forest School will be taking place on Thursday 17th December (instead of Wednesday). We will be taking the children for a seasonal walk around the village during the afternoon, when we will be looking for signs of the changing seasons, Christmas lights and decorations.

Home learning

Year 1 children: No spellings this weekend or week!

Reading: Please can all children who have a reading book continue to read at home and bring their books and diaries to school each day.

Word bags: Please continue with these and remember to return them so we can give out new bags.

Something a little different for the time of year!

On Purple Mash, I have set these activities for a bit of festive fun:

- **Decorate a Christmas tree**
- **Christmas pairs game x2 (one with presents – quite tricky!)**
- **Christmas coding – help Santa collect his presents! Either, use the arrow keys on a laptop or or 'swipe' if using a tablet.**

I hope you all have a good weekend and see you all next week for the final days of the term.

Take care,

Miss Blake