Acorn Update: Friday 2nd October 2026

What a lovely and busy week we have had in Acorn Class! The children have been learning through lots of practical, creative and physical experiences, while continuing to build their confidence and independence.

This week for our phonics sessions we have been revisiting the phonemes (sounds) we have learned so far. The children have been practising recognising the sounds and then *blending phonemes together to read words*. We are encouraging the children to listen carefully to each sound and then put them together smoothly.

We enjoyed drawing around our bodies as part of our theme work and talking about the different parts of ourselves. The children then used their phonics knowledge to label parts of the body using the sounds they know. This was a great opportunity to combine our understanding of ourselves with early writing and phonics skills.

The children enjoyed using the lightbox to explore X-rays and looked closely at the bones inside our bodies. The children were fascinated to discover what our skeletons look like and talked about how our bones help us to stand, move and support our bodies. There were lots of interesting observations and questions as the children explored the X-rays.

We got creative with apple printing using bubble wrap and paint for our class display, experimenting with colours, patterns and textures to create artwork for the Village Apple Festival. It was wonderful to see the children exploring the printing process and proudly sharing their creations.

During PE, we explored lots of different ways to move our bodies. The children practised jumping, stepping on stepping stones, moving around cones and navigating an obstacle course which they created as a team. We encouraged the children to think about how they could move safely, balance carefully and challenge themselves physically.

Our outdoor area has also been a hive of activity with lots of water play. The children enjoyed pouring, filling, transferring and experimenting with water while developing their coordination and working together in their play. Water play provided lots of opportunities for language, problem-solving and social interaction.

🏡 Ideas for Home

Why not continue some of our learning at home this weekend?

- Practise the phonemes (and actions) your child has learned (using the sheets in their phonics folders) and blend them together to read simple words.
- Encourage your child to label pictures using the sounds they know.
- Talk about the different parts of the body and what our bones do.

- Look for opportunities to practise jumping, balancing and moving in different ways.
- Enjoy some water play outside if the weather allows (or at bath time!)

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Blake and Team