

## **Acorn Update – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

Well, we have reached the last day of the half term!

We have been very impressed with all the learning that has taken place both at school and at home over the past weeks.

The children have all settled into school extremely well and although parents have not been into the classroom, it has been lovely to chat with you at the gate in the morning or after school. I think we have all managed very well.

We have given out a record number of house points this week for homework and had a great time looking at all the dinosaur designs and reading dinosaur similes.

This week the children have been looking for shapes outside, making shape patterns inside and learning about positional language using a soft toy friend!

The children have been learning all about 'x-rays' as we learnt about structures of animal bodies and also the phoneme 'x'. We have read stories about characters having an x-rays and some stories about the 'funny bones' characters.

All the children have brought their Christmas card designs home and these need to be returned on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so they can be collated by the PTA and sent off in time for Christmas.

### **Home learning:**

Year 1 children have been given some 'Days of the week' spellings to practise over the half term. We have also given all year 1 children a few reading books to keep them going over the week! They are all reading very well at the moment.

Children in Reception should practise their phonemes on their phoneme cards, which should be at home. Please look at the class webpage for support with all the phonemes in a video clip. After half term, we will be handing out Word Bags to Reception children who are confident with their phonemes.

### **Next Half Term – New Topic News**

Our topic for next half term is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', where the children will be enjoying stories linked to castles, looking at and building towers, learning about famous towers and tunnels, exploring tunnelling animals and much more!

As we are unable to take the class (and Beech class) on a school trip to launch the topic, we wondered if you would be able to look at some pictures of castles, maybe do a virtual tour of a castle, read a castle story or even visit a castle if you are able to and feel safe to do so.

Another way we are launching the topic is to have a 'Dress up' day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Please can children come to school dressed as 'someone' from a castle. This could include a cook, a knight, a prince, a princess, a queen, a king, a Dragon or even a Jester.

We all hope that you have a relaxing half term break and stay safe and are looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Miss Blake and Mrs Evans