

Acorn update – Friday 26th March 2021

We have had a great week with all the children working really hard and as well as learning and playing with their friends.

In maths the children in Reception have been learning all about coins and their values. The children have been looking closely at the coins and using them to buy things from our virtual toyshop. The children in Year 1 have been working on addition and subtraction word problems, with some children using multiplication facts (2s, 5s, 10s) to solve even more word problems! Both these areas of maths were taught, as a direct response to our assessments, which took place last week. All the children are showing more confidence in these areas in just one week.

In English, the children have been learning about, listening to and responding to poems written by Shirley Hughes in her collection called 'Out and About'. These poems are all about the seasons, which the children could really relate to. The children have been able to compare the 'happenings' in the poems to what they like to do outside, these include, jumping in the mud, rolling down hills and seeing the spring moon in the day time. They have also been able to identify the nouns, adjectives and verbs in the poem.

The children enjoyed their weekly virtual visit to the Warriner Farm yesterday. Farmer Marie and Farmer Chris were weighing the lambs, with the children involved in reading the scales which included whole numbers as well as fractions such as $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$.

In French, with Mrs Perkins (recorded), the children have been learning about all the other countries (apart from France) who speak French. This is because, on Saturday it was '*International Francophonie Day*'. So, this week's word was 'Francophonie'. The children researched and coloured in flags to represent countries such as Belgium, Switzerland, Madagascar and Canada, which are French speaking.

In forest school this week, the children explored shadows. They made shapes, talked about what makes a shadow and drew around each other's shadows, they then tried to fit into each other's!! It was great fun.

Today with Mrs Perkins the children have been making tissue paper sun catchers to display in the window by the cloakroom area, hopefully, these will make some lovely colourful patterns on the floor when the sun comes out.

Please look out for the Acorn page of the newsletter, which is out next week for pictures of our little Acorns and their learning.

NOTICES:

- **On Tuesday, we will be giving the children a few reading books to take home to read over the Easter break. Please can all children have their diaries and reading books in school for this.**
- **On Wednesday, we are going for a walk around the village, as part of our Forest school session. We will be looking for signs of spring. Please can all children have wellies in school for this.**

We hope you all have a good weekend & we look forward to seeing you all on Monday

Take care,

Miss Blake & Mrs Evans