

### Acorn update – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. The children were excited to talk about what they had been up to on their extra day at home. We spent most of Tuesday thinking it was Monday and the children thought Thursday was Friday as Mrs Perkins joined Acorn class for an extra day this week!

***In English***, the children have been thinking and writing about predictions as we read further into the story of the Fox and the Star. The children have been writing as though they were the fox and describing how they would feel if their friend had left them (as the Star disappeared and Fox didn't know where she had gone). All the children are working hard, thinking carefully about their handwriting, letter formation, vocabulary and spelling, which is super to see.

***In maths***, we have continued to learn about place value within 50 and some children spent some time sharing their knowledge with our School Improvement Partner Mrs Lovett, who spent time in all the classes on Wednesday. She told Ms O'Sullivan that she was very pleased with the children's knowledge and how they got on with their learning in Acorn class. Next week we will be learning about time, which will include days of the week and months of the year. The children will be encouraged to use vocabulary such as **yesterday, today, tomorrow** as well as **first, then next** when describing a sequence of events. Please could you talk with your child about which month their birthday is in as preliminary findings show many children do not know.

***In science***, we are continuing to water and care for the sunflower seeds we planted at the beginning of the term, these have now turned into seedlings. The children have been taking turns to water them and make sure they get some sunshine and warmth. The children have been learning about the different parts of plants, such as the root, stem, leaf and petal with Mrs Perkins and have been able to draw and write names for these parts in a flip page picture. The children have been using CBeebies as a resource to increase their knowledge of growing plants with Maddie Moate.

In Art, the children are continuing to learn about the artist William Morris with Mrs Perkins and have been making print blocks ready to make their own William Morris Prints over the next few weeks.

The children have also enjoyed continuing developing their skills as 'batters and fielders' in PE and have enjoyed being out in the wind and rain during Forest school!

It would be fair to say that our four-day week has been as packed at usual!

#### NOTICES:

- **Please remember layers as it has been very cold this week**
- **Sun hats popped into book bags – just in case**
- **Water bottle in school each day please**

Have a good weekend

Take care,

Miss Blake & Mrs Evans