

Acers Class Weekly Newsletter - 15 March 2024

On Friday, 08.03.24, we celebrated World Book Day and were lucky enough to have a published author visit us to talk about her novels. Acorns class were very respectful during her visit and listened very carefully to her speech showing a lot of interest in the books she made when she was a child! In fact this week a number of the class felt the inspiration to create their own and have been telling us lots of very sweet stories and we're very proud of their hard work!

We started reading *Jasper's Beanstalk* this week and mapping out the story. This has really helped us with learning the days of the week and coincidentally our beanstalks have suddenly started to grow which has prompted lots of discussion about what plants need in order to grow big and strong. For our latest story we created story maps, practised retelling the story as a class and captioned pictures from the book using the sentence stem *Jasper is...* We are very impressed by how well everyone's writing, and ideas are developing.

In maths we have been making patterns. This has involved making patterns with 2D shapes, double sided counters, 2 coloured pencils and objects. Our focus has been of ABAB repeating patterns and once we had developed our confidence creating them, we had some fun spotting mistakes in repeating patterns. The class particularly enjoyed moments that Miss Badger messed up the pattern and needed help to set it right! Next week we will be looking at more complex AABAAB or ABCABC patterns.

In our project we've been studying the beans that we have grown in different conditions and offering reasons why they may thrive or not! We looked at a bean that had been grown in the dark and learnt about why it had become so tall compared to other (stretching up to try and find the light) and one that had grown on damp cotton wool providing reasons why it might not be as big and strong as the others (a lack of healthy food in the soil).

We are also working on creating a collaborative artwork as a class inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo an expert at creating optical illusions using flowers, books and food. We are currently trying to create our own portrait using a collage of vegetable and fruits drawings!

