

We would first like to say a big welcome back to everyone in Acorns class this week! After a lovely Easter break it was wonderful to see everyone back in the classroom enthusiastic to learn and with lots of curiosity for our learning!

This week in phonics we have started learning our Set 2 sounds (ay and ee) and using them in words such as play, way, three and see. We were really impressed with the positive attitude towards learning to read trickier words and longer sentences this week!

We are looking at the book *Little Red* by Bethan Woollvin in Literacy and have been learning all about adjectives to describe the characters in the story and over the next couple of weeks we will be focussing on describing the characters in more detail moving beyond describing their physical features to describe the way they move, talk and act. We will also be using the story to inspire our own fairytale style stories and creating story mountains and sentences about this.

In Maths this half term we are focusing on counting forwards and backwards fluently. We have been practicing counting forwards this week using a number track and dice. This can be supported at home by playing lots of board games such as snakes and ladders and helping your child to count the steps along the board.

For our topic, Animal Safari, we will be learning about different types of animals, how to care for our pets, what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores eat and creating animal themed artworks after careful studies of fur, feathers, and scales. This week we have learnt how to look after a puppy and how animals can assist people with the help of Cbeebie's *Dog Squad*.

In RE we have been discussing what we believe makes the world wonderful and learning what Christians believe about the creation of the earth. We will be using this as our starting point to learn about how to care for the earth and how Christians celebrate the amazing world we live in.

On Tuesday this week we were lucky to have a taster session of cross-country running organised by Mrs Salisbury from Acers class. Everyone tried very hard to run a longer distance than they were used to and Mrs Salisbury said she was very impressed by the class' good behaviour and positive attitude towards their sports lessons!



This week also saw the start of our Forest School sessions and we were very lucky to have a gloriously sunny day to meet our Forest School teacher and explore the area at the bottom of the school field.



The children really enjoyed their first Forest School session and understood the importance of listening to the adults to stay safe and following the rules of using the space sensibly – well done everyone!

We hope that your children have had a brilliant first week back and we look forward to lots more learning between now and half term!

The Acorns Team