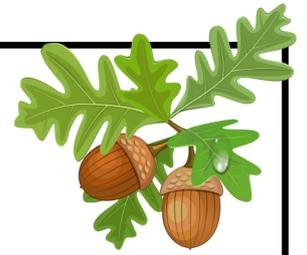


Acorn Class



What did we get up to in term 3?

Acorn class have had a fantastic term learning all about vehicles! We had a visit from some police officers who answered all the questions we had thought up. We loved working the siren and lights in the police van. We had fun playing in our Acorn bus and wrote tickets for the passengers. We enjoyed reading and writing about the story 'Stanley's Stick' and making up imaginative uses for our own sticks. Finally, we learnt about Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed acting out the story and had a go at using chopsticks to eat a yummy Chinese banquet!



Learning how to programme



Getting locked up in the police van!



Creating music outside.



Making vehicles out of boxes.



Measuring vehicles with cubes.

- All of the children are now choosing to write! Writing skills are improving as children use their knowledge of phonics and tricky words to help them. Amazing!
- Lots of us are taking two books home a week to read now.
- ♦ We have been working hard on learning the tricky words that are attached to our contact books. Well done everyone!
- ♦ We can all recognise teen numbers!
- ♦ We have begun to add two numbers together using a range of objects and can count up and backward on a number line!
- ♦ We have been making colour and shape patterns and spotting patterns around us.
- ♦ We have enjoyed creating all sorts of things in our new making area. Some of us have made vehicles and a group worked together to make an amazing robot!

Next Term

In term four we will be learning all about animals. The week beginning 11th March will be pet week in Acorn Class! If you have a pet at home, please send a photo in with your child during that week to show the rest of the class. We also look forward to book week, starting 4th March, in which the whole school will be reading the same book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit', more information to follow.

Phase 2 to 5 Tricky Words			
Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
I	he	said	oh
no	she	have	Mrs
the	we	like	people
to	me	so	their
go	be	do	called
into	you	some	Mr
	are	come	looked
	her	one	asked
	was	were	could
	all	there	
	they	what	
	my	when	
		out	

j	v	w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch
								
sh	th	ng	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	ar
								
or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er	Phase 3 Sound Mat
								123 456

Above are the tricky words and phase 3 sounds we are learning. So far, we have learnt up to *igh* and will begin again from the sound *oa* in term 4 (see phase 3 sound mat). You can help your child at home by reading words containing the sounds we've learnt e.g. *shop*, *chip*, *long*, *rain*, *green* etc.

Things to remember and look out for in Term 4:

- PE days will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please remember to remove earrings on these days.
- Your child will continue to come home with new tricky words attached to their book (see above for list). The children are learning these words so quickly! Thank you for all the hard work you are putting in with your child at home to help them learn these words.
- Don't forget to write in the contact book when you read with your child at home. It is recommended that children read at home everyday if possible.
- Our parent Stay and Play sessions were a great success so a big thank you to all of you who were able to attend. Term 4 Stay and Play sessions will be in the **week beginning 25th of March**. We will be sending home letters with further details closer to the time.
- Term 4 Home Learning Activities will be sent home for you to do with your child and completed homework will be shared with the rest of the class on Fridays.

Have a lovely break everyone!