



Acorn Class

E-Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 1st - Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
- February 6th - 10th - Children's Mental Health Week
- February 13th - 17th - Bahrain Sports Week
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- February 20th - 24th - Half Term Break

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Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you have had a relaxing break. The Acorns have had a fantastic start to the new year, and it has been great seeing them bounce back into their daily routines at school.

Unit of Inquiry- What's it Made of?

The children started off the New Year with STEAM week. They collaborated in teams to create structures. Through trial and error, they made their different buildings using marshmallows, spaghetti, and toothpicks.

In English, this month Acorns 1 and 2 have been introduced to poems that tell a story. We have so far discussed the different characteristics of a poem; we have read the poem "Off we go to Mexico," answered questions about the poem, and now we are working on writing our very own narrative poem based on the structure of "Off we go to Mexico." The children have so far been fantastic in recognising and using verbs and adjectives while reading and writing! Acorns 2 have begun learning the literary techniques that writers use in poems such as simple similes and adventurous adjectives.

Top tips for learning: Ask your child to look for adjectives and verbs in the story books they read at home. See if they can spot similes!



In Maths, Acorns 1 and 2 have been learning to describe and recognise different 2D and 3D shapes. We have been going on shape hunts around the school and have used Marshmallows, toothpicks, and spaghetti to build them. Acorn 2 have been using complex mathematical language which is appropriate for their age and stage.

Top tips for learning: Ask your child to go on a shape hunt and describe the shapes they see using words such as edges/ sides, vertices/corners and faces.

In Wellbeing, our focus this month has been on positive relationships and teamwork. The children wrote down a value that they think is important to be a part of a good team; we will be using everyone's work to make a team flag and call it Team Acorns!

We have also discussed the importance of having a solid network to become resilient.





In Phonics, Acorns 2 have been working on their spellings and have begun the preparation for Year 3 with tricky spellings while Acorns 1 have now begun with phase 5 phonics sounds such as “ay” and “ea”.

Art

Inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky the Acorns made beautiful abstract art using different lines, geometric and organic shapes, and art media such as crayons and watercolors.

French

The children are fast beginning to use phrases and have begun simple conversations with one another. For our native speakers, they are beginning to read and write in their mother tongue.

Arabic

We began the Spring term by learning about the New Year 2022. We learned how to celebrate the New Year and had fun colouring in the New Year numbers. We had a great time learning about the planet Earth and recognizing the moon and sun and drawing them. The children can now recognise all four seasons of the year and have memorised this by singing the Seasons Song. We also continued practising writing the letters and reading and writing them.