



## **PTA News**

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## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

Well done Little Acorns, we made it through our last week of home schooling!

This week we sang the song 'Old McDonald' together. We enjoyed a video of 'down at the farm' listening to a poem about ducklings and watching them waddle. We read together the story of 'A squash and a squeeze' by Julia Donaldson' - thinking about all those farm animals inside a house! We had fun on world book day thinking about where we like to read most. Our author was Eric Carle and we watched some of his stories come to life with animation.

We can't wait to see your smiling faces next week for when schools re-open. Please remember to bring in nappies and wipes if your child requires them and a spare change of clothing. The weather looks set to be horrid for our return so wellies/ rain-suit might be an idea too. Any questions please contact the school.

### **Acorn (Nursery am and pm)**

This week we have continued with our 'Are Eggs Alive?' topic and have been learning about how eggs hatch, the life cycle of an egg, and what eggs are used for. We have looked at information books about eggs and learned lots! We have been counting in our 'farm shop' role play area and have been cutting out pictures of egg life cycles! As part of World Book Day, we have been exploring books by Jez Alborough and Eric Carle, and we will continue with these next week.

We are very proud of how well the children at home and at school have engaged with the remote land school based learning over the last two weeks, a big well done to you all!

### **Maple and Beech News (Reception)**

This week in Maths we have been 'growing 6, 7, 8' looking at these numbers, what they look like and the different ways you can make them, we have used dominoes and ladybirds to help us too. In Literacy the children have been looking at non-fiction texts to do with farming and plants. They have been able to pick out information that they have found out and use this to label pictures and write sentences. In topic we have been making patterns using potato printing, making leaf art pictures, collecting and making our own snap cards using found objects. On Thursday it was World book day, we had fun sharing the children's books, listening to all the stories the teachers had recorded as well as completing the reading day challenges.

The adults have been busily getting the classrooms ready for your return next week and we will post a virtual tour onto seesaw by Friday evening so you can have a sneaky peak!

Children need to wear their outdoor clothes on Monday (Beech) and Tuesday (Maple). Could Maple children also make sure they have Wellies or old trainers in school everyday as our outside area is still very muddy and they will need to change out of their school shoes when going outside so we can keep the classroom carpet clean.

### **Birch and Cherry (Year 1)**

This week the children have worked hard, continuing to learn about animals and writing information leaflets on an animal of their choice. We have been labelling different parts of animals too, such as tails, wings and claws. In Geography we have been continuing to learn about the different continents, and trying to learn the names of the oceans through song. It was World Book day so we had fun reading books by our author of the half term, Dr Seuss and thinking of lots of rhyming words. His books are funny and silly!

We would like to say a huge well done to the children in Year 1 during lockdown. Each and every child has shown resilience and perseverance, whether at home or in school. We really look forward to welcoming everyone back into class together on Monday! Cherry class it is Outdoor Learning first day back you can wear your outdoor learning clothes on Monday for the day.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have been reading a wider variety of non-fiction texts to find out facts about another wild flower. After recording a variety of facts about their chosen flower, they have all tried hard to write more detailed flower fact-files with an introduction. As part of the World Book Day activities this week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to recordings of stories being read by different members of staff in the school. They have also participated in a variety of activities, such as designing book covers for their favourite stories, described a new land at the top of the Faraway Tree, looked at illustrations from Enid Blyton's books, such as Noddy, and learnt about the life of the author. However, the children's favourite part of Thursday was dressing up as a book character, of course! In maths, Year 2 have been learning to name and recognise a variety of 2D shapes, know how many sides and vertices they have, and how to count these accurately. They have also looked at the similarities and differences between 2D shapes, and learnt how to find and draw their lines of symmetry. In RE, the children have been learning more about the Easter story and its importance for Christians, and in PSHE/ Citizenship, they have learnt more about the Queen and the roles of Royal Family. In geography, as part of learning about maps, Year 2 have drawn their own plans of the Year 2 courtyard, using a key.

### School Star



### Seesaw Star



### Covid News

We are seeing an increase in positive cases nationally, so to continue to keep the school community safe could all parents, who are not exempt, please wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting your children at school.

**If you or your child are showing Coronavirus symptoms and have a Covid test, the whole family bubble must isolate until the test result is received back. Please do not come into school if you or your children are showing any of the symptoms.**

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