



The Children's NEWS



23rd October 2025

As we reach the end of our first half term with the children we just wanted to say how well they have all settled in and how lovely it has been watching them grow in confidence in Acorn class. We have been very proud of all the children.

PE / Music

We have had lots of fun in PE and music playing parachute games and practicing our listening skills. We finished the half term with a Halloween movement game which the children really enjoyed. Maybe they could show you the different ways they moved.



Halloween / Pumpkin soup

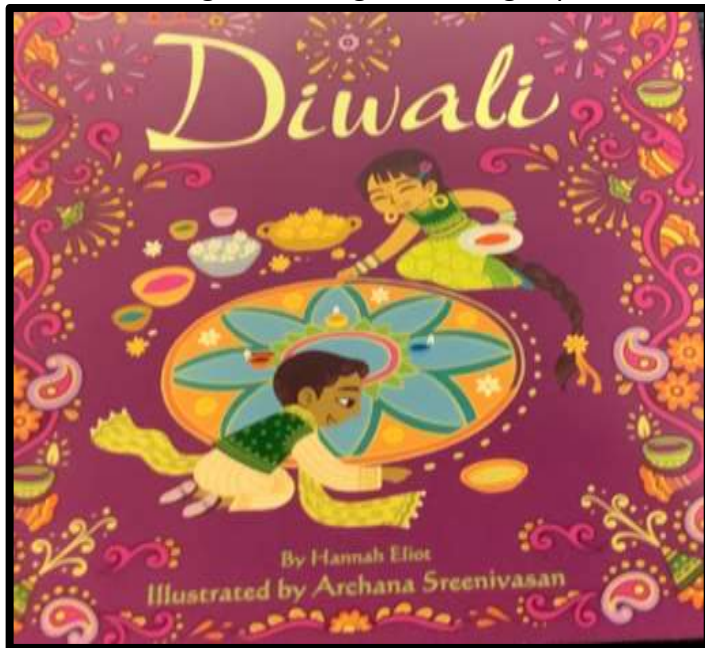
This week we have been learning about halloween. We shared the story Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. They then had fun making their own autumn soup, counting out the ingredients to match the recipe cards. This was a very good opportunity to develop the skills needed to carefully and accurately count out up to 5 objects.

The children had lots of fun with the pumpkins. We have explored them, taking all the flesh out and talking about how it felt. They also painted them and used hammers to hammer golf tees into them.



Diwali

We have learnt about the Hindu and Sikh celebration of Diwali and shared a story about what Diwali is and how it is celebrated. The children then had the opportunity to make Diya lamps out of playdough adding gems to it and had a go at making some Rangoli patterns



Phonics

Last week in phonics we read the story Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We then played a rhyming game and a listening game. This week we have been listening to the sounds at the beginning of words and playing some listening games based on this.

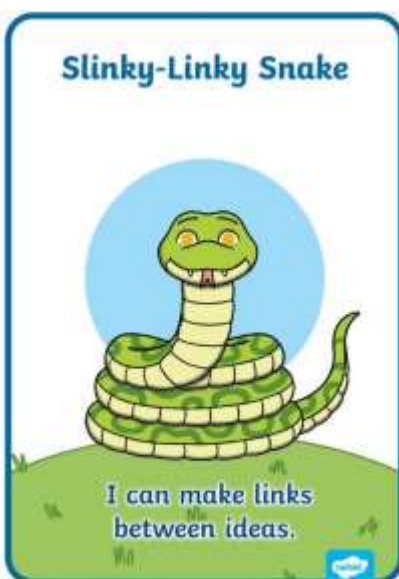
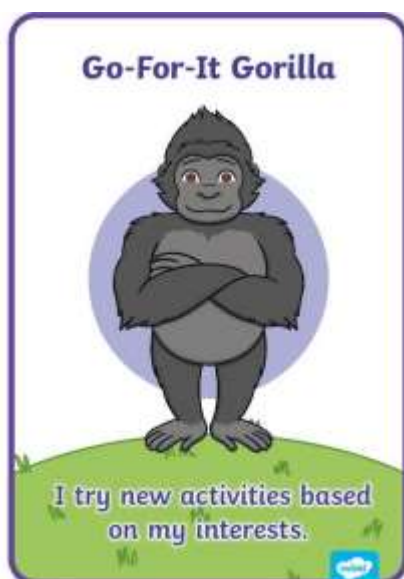
Can your child spot items that start with the same sound? It is really important at this stage that you use the letter sound rather than the letter name. This video will show you how we pronounce the sounds.

<https://vimeo.com/641445921/9382cf6db0>

Please share your experiences on Tapestry.

Go for it Gorilla and Slinky Linky Snake

In Acorn Class we have introduced our final two Learning Zoo friends; Go for it Gorilla helps us have a go at new things based on our interests and Slinky-Linky Snake helps us to make links between our ideas. We would love to see examples of the children showing these characteristics at home.



Diary Dates:

HALF TERM – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October

Parents consultations - Wednesday 26th November 11.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 26th November 4pm - 6.30pm

Children in need - Tuesday 11th November for Acorn A

Friday 14th November for Acorn B

Christmas performance - Monday 8th December Acorn A

Thursday 11th December Acorn B

Christmas jumper day - Wednesday 17th December

END OF TERM – Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM COMMENCES – Tuesday 6th January

Show and Tell:

Please post a picture of your child's object on Tapestry and we will share them together. Please don't feel that you have to do this every week – just if there is a special item your child wishes to share. Show and Tell is great for developing confidence in communication and language.

Acorn A & B:

WB 3rd and 10th November – Half term fun

WB 17th and 24th November – Autumn celebrations : bonfire night, Diwali, Halloween or any other celebration you have enjoyed.

Important reminders:

Please pack a spare clothes in your child's bag each day so we can change them if they get wet. We do spend a lot of time outdoors, even if it's cold and wet, so please do make sure your child has a warm coat and clothes appropriate for the weather. Please could you name everything that gets sent in to school as it makes reuniting it with your child much easier. Sharpie in the label is fine.

Please send a named water bottle in every day.

Please send your child's library book back every Wednesday so they can choose a new book to

