

20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

Our transport based theme this week is centred around a book called 'The Journey' by Neil Griffiths. It is a wonderful rhyming story of a boat's adventure on a windy autumn day. Do talk to your child about any boat journeys you may have been on or look up different types of boats and ships to talk about their uses. We will also use the book to explore floating and sinking, investigating what sinks and what floats, another great activity for home.

In phonics this week we will be learning the sounds for y, z, zz, qu, ch. Please continue to read every day and practise the sounds they have learnt so far. By this stage the children should be gaining confidence at reading the phonemes s a t p i n g o c k c k e u d r j v w x. For practise please try <https://www.ictgames.com> - Phonics pop or Shark sounds games

In maths this week we will begin to explore composition by focusing on the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. By investigating familiar toys they will begin to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

We are spending lots of time working on being kind and gentle at school and exploring how words as well as actions can make people feel upset. We talked about what respect means as one of our whole school themes. Saying please and thank you, listening to and being kind to our friends and looking after our toys is what the children felt it means to show respect. It would be great if you could continue to explore this theme at home and always encourage your child to speak to a teacher if someone is unkind to them.

The children are outside a lot during the day! Now the weather is changing, please remember to always send a coat in every day.

Thank you for your support,

The Acorn Team

We are going to try to make these jelly boats.

