2nd October 2023

Dear Parents,

Next week we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. Acorn class parents have been asked to make voluntary donations of pasta to the Family Support Work Charity. If you have a donation please send into school this week before next Monday.

This week we are using the Percy the Park Keeper books as a stimulus for role play, drawing and writing. The story focuses on friends and woodland animals. We will be learning about how some animals hibernate in winter.

The children will be looking out for signs of Autumn this week. If you go for a walk, please look out for signs too. This is a great season for collecting and counting! If you happen to collect any conkers or pinecones, please do bring them in for the children to use at school. We will also use our finds to be creative and hope to make pictures using leaves, twigs and acorns.

In phonics, we will be focusing on initial sounds i, m, n, d. We will be sending home individual reading books this week that have the firs sounds that the children have been learning to read. Please read the book to your child a few times, engaging with the pictures and allowing them to predict what might happen in the story. Then, ask your child to have a go and spot the sounds they know. Encourage them to use the initial sounds as well as the pictures to predict what the word might be. When they are ready, practise blending the sounds of each word together to read the word. Remember to keep it fun and positive and to help your child by reading it to them when needed.

In maths this week, the children will engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. As they move through Reception, children will begin to develop their counting skills, organising and counting larger sets of a wide range of objects.

Many thanks,

The Acorn Class Team