

6th November 2023

Dear Parents,

We continue our 'On the move' topic with a book called 'Whatever Next', about a little bear's journey to the moon. The book will encourage lots of role play around the theme of space. We will be using simple props to re-tell and act out the story. If you have a cardboard box, some welly boots and a colander, we are sure your child would love to tell you the story at home as well!

In phonics, we will be learning the letter sounds *for h, b, f, ff, l and ll*. The children are starting to read words made by blending together the letter sounds they have learnt. Every week the children will also learn harder to read and spell words (HRS words) which they cannot read by applying phonics. The HRS words they have learnt so far are on the back of this page to practise, We tell the children the HRS words are tricky and just need to be remembered, not words that can be read by the sound that the letters make.

For maths this week, the children will continue to engage with activities that underline the purpose of counting - to find out 'how many' objects there are altogether. They will reinforce their understanding of cardinality - that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether in a set of objects - and they will further practise their 1:1 correspondence skill, by counting numbers at the same time as moving or tagging objects.

Dates for the diary

Parents evenings are on 27th and 29th November (3.15 to 6.00 pm). Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

We will be performing a Nativity this year on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15pm.

Best wishes,

The Acorn Team

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