



16th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe it's the last week of this half of term already! The children have settled and adapted so well to full-time school but we're sure they will all be glad of a rest next week.

Our theme in literacy this week be based around the book *Walking in the Jungle*. It is a lovely story of a young explorer who hikes through a rainforest, scales a mountain, swims across the ocean, and still makes it home for dinner. Rhyme and repetition make learning fun in this terrain-traversing title that encourages movement and reinforces animal sounds.

We will use the book as inspiration for some science-based learning; recognising different habitats animals live in and learn about animal migration. We will also create some wonderful art this week from decorating tigers with stripes to a collaborative landscape with swallows flying off into the sunset.

Learning letter sounds has been going well. Please see overleaf for all the sounds learnt so far (by the end of this week). If you have time over half-term please practise with your child.

The children this week will create their own Christmas cards. We will send home a copy with a form for you to complete if you would like to order some. This is on behalf of the PTFA for the school. As always please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of anything. We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you at the end of October!

Best wishes,
The Acorn Team

PS - The Acorn Class page on the school website has lots of pictures from this half term.