

18th September 2023

Dear Parents,

We are continuing with our theme of friends, and this week our work will be centred around a book by Rebecca Cobb called 'Hello, Friend!' The story is about how a warm and sociable little girl describes how much she enjoys the company of a boy in her class at school. However, the pictures reveal him to be reserved and reluctant to join in and play despite her enthusiasm. Gradually he overcomes his anxieties and their continuing friendship seems assured, enabling them both to extend this to another child who seems lonely and left out. There will be lots of discussion about the issues raised in the book and how friendship can be the best thing but also tricky at times. Activities will support children in talking about themselves and how to recognise and manage emotions.

As part of our phonics work, we will continue to play games which develop the children's listening skills and ability to tune into sounds so that they are truly ready for hearing the difference between the letter sounds they will learn. We will also be exploring rhyming words so please point out rhymes in any books you read together.

In maths, we will concentrate mainly on number this week. We will be practising number recognition and writing of numbers 1, 2 and 3 and on reliably counting sets of objects. We will also continue looking at shapes and repeating patterns.

We will be exploring our outside area and look at the acorns falling from our big oak tree and the seeds in the sunflower plant. The children will be learning about the life-cycle of an oak tree and a sunflower.

Best wishes,

The Acorn team 😊

<i>Things to remember</i>
<i>Every day – book bag and water bottle</i>
<i>Tuesdays and Wednesdays – come to school in PE kit</i>
<i>Names on sweatshirts/cardigans/coats please</i>

