



## ACORN CLASS

6th January 2017

Dear parents

Happy New Year. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the children and you had a lovely break. The children certainly came into school ready to start again!

We have changed our routine this term. Now that the children have settled in to school life we have started early bird activities in line with the rest of the school. The children shall now come into school place their book bags in a box and go straight to their seats ready to start either a dough gym or funky fingers activity, both of which aim to strengthen the children's fingers, hands, arms and shoulders.

We restarted the phase 3 sounds this week working on j, h, v and w. The children have enjoyed spending time telling each other about their Christmas and presents!

The rainbow challenges this week have included matching captions and pictures, writing and calculating addition sums, throwing snowballs into a bucket and recording the results on a block graph, sorting animals according to the climate they live in and securing nuts and bolts to a colander!

The children started 'Exciting writing' this week. This is a more formal lesson when small groups of children will sit with either Mrs Watt or Mrs Coupland to write about a particular subject each week. The children will sound out and write words working towards forming sentences. As we work through the year the children should build confidence and stamina and start to write sentences independently. We aim for this to then be reflected in their independent work in the classroom and at home.

Thank you to those of you who have returned the wow sheets. Please do send them into school if you haven't already.

A short letter for a short week! Have a lovely weekend.

Sarah and Kate