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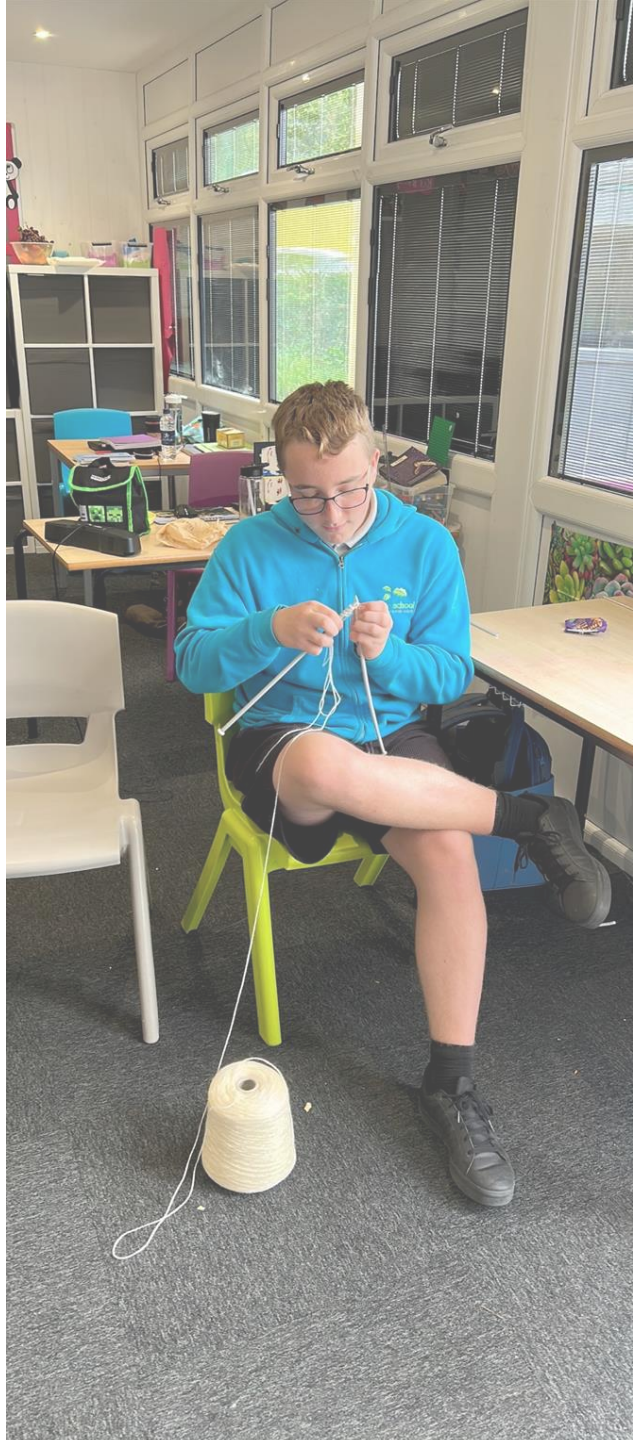

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29th September 2023

LIFE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

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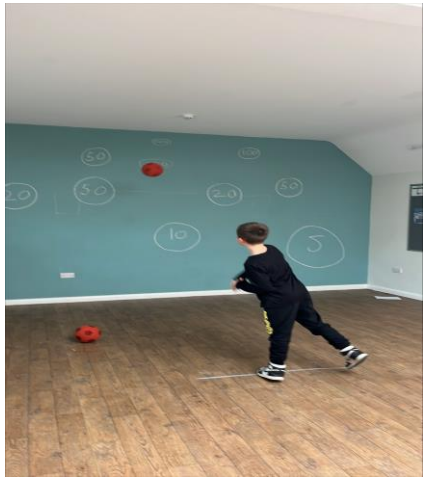
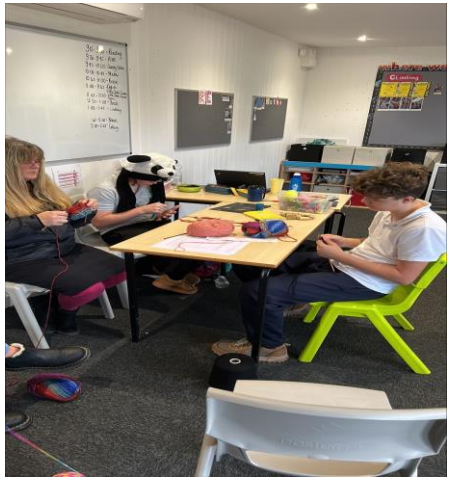




Monday

Monkeying around!

Red class enjoyed their research trip to the zoo, can you spot the animal hiding in the background?

Tuesday

Fun Fit

Fun Fit is a big hit weekly and a firm PE favourite. Pupils were practicing their accuracy this week by hitting different sized targets.

Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday

This week we have asked all our pupils to reflect on their actions, as a result we are focusing on nurture activities and wellbeing. The learning even extended to the team!

Thursday

Model Making

Orange class enjoyed their D&T lessons this week. Oakley has created and persevered with this detailed design.

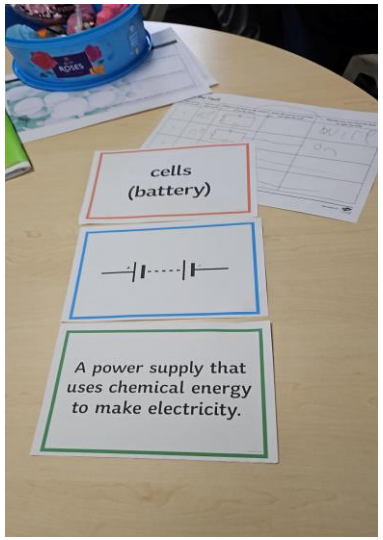
Friday

Tasty dishes

Lime pupils enjoyed their cooking lesson this week, look at this fabulous teamwork!

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Science Curriculum Explained



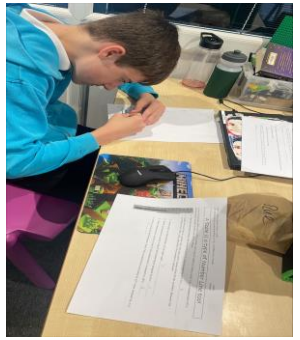
Our science curriculum is carefully structured to create curiosity and interest. Pupils start off by developing investigative skills, progressing through to our BTEC Certificate in Science which has 3 exam topics spanning biology, chemistry and physics. Pupils are due to sit their first attempts in November!

Forest school was a big hit again this week, with pupils learning how to safely make fires.

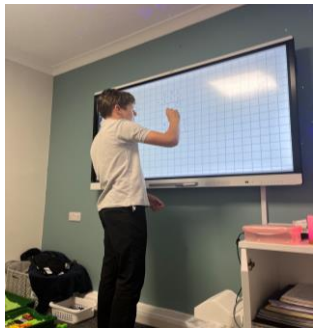
As part of the school's Ancient Civilisations topic, some of the pupils have been making Egyptian necklaces and researching their purpose.

Following the zero tolerance to bullying assembly, pupils were given reflection time utilising sensory play to consider their and others' feelings.

Rue worked exceptionally hard on his literacy this week. Well done!



Kyle decided to complete his learning in Lime class's sensory space this week!



Our new interactive SmartBoards are a huge hit! Pupils are using them daily to support their learning. Ronnie used his for interactive Maths!

This chess game became REALLY tense between Mikey and Mason. We are very much enjoying teaching new strategies to our pupils.

Jacob thoroughly enjoyed making his elephant mask as part of his RE work on Hinduism and his introduction to Ganesh.

Mathew enjoyed his cooking lesson this week, independently weighing his ingredients

This week's Head Teacher STAR is Daniell! Daniel has followed instructions and exceeded all of his learning targets this week, he even wrote a wicked letter of complaint about his teachers!

Do you have any small world toys your child doesn't play with e.g., diggers, animals, cars, ? If so, Green class are looking for new characters!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Emergency contact: Zoey Shelley (Head Teacher & Safeguarding Lead) 0330 135 8213 out of hours 07725406993

Zero tolerance to bullying

All of the pupils at Acorn have received a 'zero tolerance' to bullying assembly this week. The pupils were supported to recognise their behaviour, the power of unkind words and restore friendships. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have supported this at home!

Support for you

There is much help and support available to you as parents and carers. Click on the link below to access Autism support and more!

Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)

Hidden chat apps

Our pupils are tech-savvy. And are accessing various secret chat apps on their phone. Some even look like calculators. Click on the link below to check your child/wards phone!

Top 9 Best Hidden Chat App for Private Texting | MobileSpy.io

Lockdown practice

We will be practising a simulated lockdown process with the pupils. Details of this will be sent out to you so you can discuss this at home with your child/ward. The practice will happen on the 3rd October 2023.

ACORN SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Acorn School is committed to ensuring the well-being and safety of all its pupils and families.

If you have any concerns, are worried about something, or a child makes a disclosure to you (they do not have to be a pupil at Acorn) please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team immediately.

If your concern is about one of the staff members, then please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Zoey Shelley zshelley@phoenixschools.org.uk Mobile: 07725406993

If your concerns regard the practice of the Headteacher or senior team they should in the first instance be directed to Darren Jackson. djackson@plcl.org.uk Mobile: 07587 757868

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