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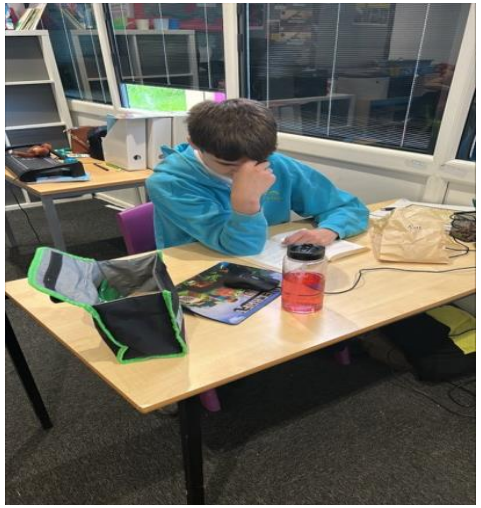
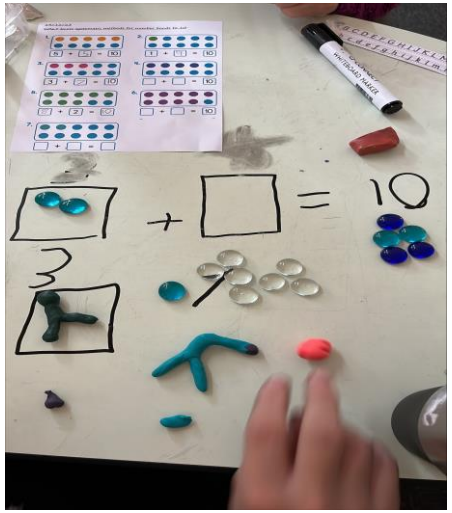
NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023

LIFE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK!





Monday

Transitioning back into school life

Each pupil at Acorn has a different transition plan: some like to read, others come and greet us all and some need a move and shake. Here is Rue completing his pre-learning activity.

Tuesday

Maths

Green class have been using a range of resources to support their maths this week which helps them boost their problem-solving skills.

Wednesday

Therapeutic horse riding

Each week a range of our pupils attend therapeutic horse-riding lessons. Some of them are even working towards qualifications in riding or animal care.

Thursday

Teamwork

Pink class are practicing their teamwork and communication skills at climbing each week.

Friday

Developing balance!

Soft play is a huge hit on Fridays for some of our pupils who are looking to practice their balancing and proprioception skills.

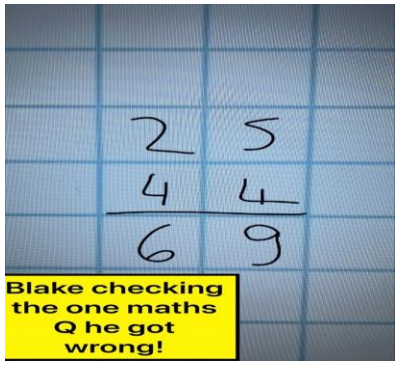
CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Science exams explained

It's an exciting time at Acorn as our pupils are about to take their first ever science exams. Some of our pupils are following an Entry Level Certificate pathway which may lead to a combined science GCSE. Those who are will be sitting exams in Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Well done to our budding scientists, we are VERY proud of them!

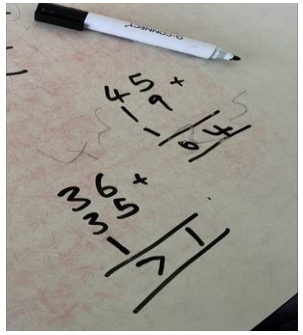
Ethan has been pushing himself really hard this week and is building his confidence in climbing and swimming.

Well done to Blake who persevered and checked his own work to understand where he went wrong.



Josh was keen to develop his curiosity and research information he was unsure about – before sharing it with the class! Great work team Pink!

Well done to Bobby who has worked super hard as always on developing his maths skills this week.



Wow Mikey! Your maths skills are also developing really well. .

Mason enjoyed some sensory play this morning, using a range of resources to understand weight and balance..

The pupils at Acorn enjoyed their themed assembly this morning on British Values. Pupils engaged in discussions and completed activities around "Respect".

·We have a new teacher at Acorn! Josh morphed into a teacher and showed the rest of class how to calculate maths using BIDMAS.

Mathew loves to use our new interactive whiteboards to create his fantastic cartoon characters. Isn't he talented?

This week's Head Teacher STAR is Cameron! Cam refereed a football match perfectly and was able to be assessed against his PE qualification!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

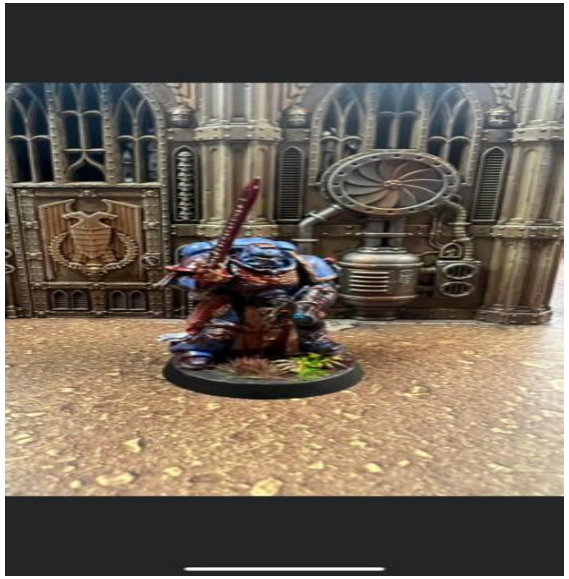
Free counselling support for secondary age children

Sometimes our young people need someone else to talk to. If you are concerned about the mental health of your child/ward, please speak to us so that we can support you with a referral to Young Devon.

www.youngdevon.org.

Hobbies outside of school

Well done to Sebastian who recently won a War Hammer design competition that was displayed in a the Exeter shop window and on their website! Doesn't it look brilliant?



Dealing with change

The NHS has a fantastic website which can help support you and your child/ward through a period of change.

How to deal with change and uncertainty - Every Mind Matters - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Marine Wildlife Champions

Most of our pupils enjoy being out in nature. Our wonderful teaching assistant Sophia has therefore put together a Marine Wildlife curriculum, which exposes pupils to a range of activities and sustainable projects within their local area in partnership with the Devon Wildlife Trust.