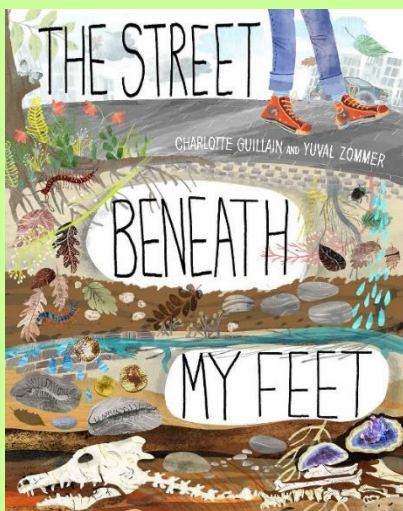


# Foundation Stage News

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

## What is down under the ground?

Last week the children were very interested in finding worms in our Acorns garden and we talked lots about the places we might find them and where they like to live. The children then started to think about what else they might find down in the soil. We have started to read a brilliant information book, 'The Street Beneath My Feet', to help find out more. Please click on the link below with your child to see a video sharing of this book on YouTube.



### [The Street Beneath My Feet](#)



The children are learning that some things belong underground...it is their home e.g. plant roots, animals, insects. They also discovered that humans put things underground such as pipes, wires and tunnels. Even pirates like to use the underground to hide their treasure!

*We really enjoyed learning about which animals make their homes under the ground and practised sorting some animals before sticking them on to our under the ground picture.*

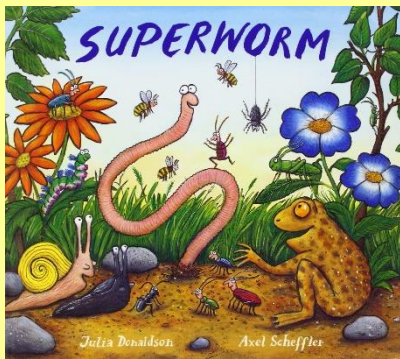
## Home learning idea:



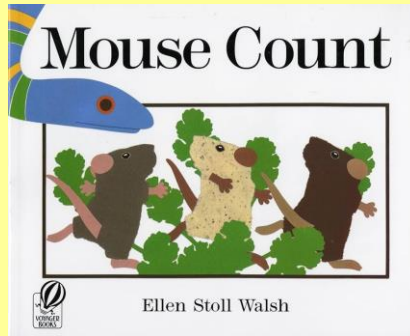
Perhaps for home learning this week, you could look down underground with your child to see what you can find e.g. under the soil, under a stone or log, under the sand on the beach. We would love to hear about or see what you discover.

# Books we have shared

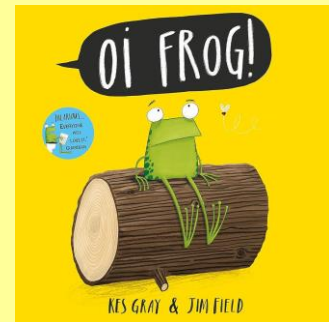
Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'Superworm'  
by Julia Donaldson



Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh



Oi Frog! By Kes Gray

# Archie the Archaeologist

This week our Acorns children became archaeologists! They met a character called Archie and they found out all about his job digging for clues under the ground to help him find out more about the past. The children learnt some adventurous new vocabulary, including the words **artefact**, **fragile** and **fossil**. The children couldn't wait to get exploring when their very own 'dig' arrived in the classroom and were buzzing with excitement at the artefacts they found. Some children even decided to have a go at using their phonic knowledge to write their very own dig reports!



Look at our archaeologists in the making below:

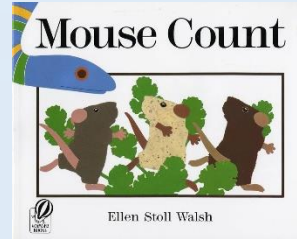
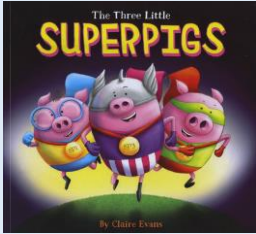
"Maybe it's a giant's key for his giant house!"





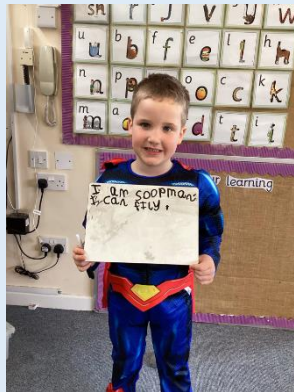
# World Book Day

We had great fun last week on Thursday celebrating World Book Day! We fully immersed ourselves in reading our favourite, familiar books and also enjoyed a new story called 'Mouse Count.' This book helped us to explore the concept of counting on as a greedy snake catches some sleepy mice and counts them into his jar. The children loved having the opportunity to act this story out as a class and especially loved 'un-counting' the mice as they escaped from the snake's jar!



We ended World Book Day with a story vote. Our winning story was 'The Three Little Superpigs.' This story has certainly become a firm favourite in Acorns!

## Some snaps of the day:





# Learning Gallery



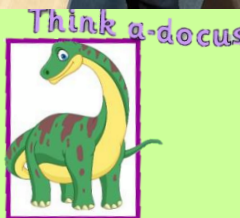
The children were very excited when our new baby doll arrived for the home corner. We remembered all the things we had learnt to take care of a baby. What kind and caring boys and girls!



We have had some wonderful little designers in the Art Studio this week creating handbags! We learnt how to attach a handle and how to fold the sides of our bag securely to make sure nothing falls out!



Look at our bouquet's of flowers. We followed a simple set of instructions to create these beautiful pieces for our loved ones!

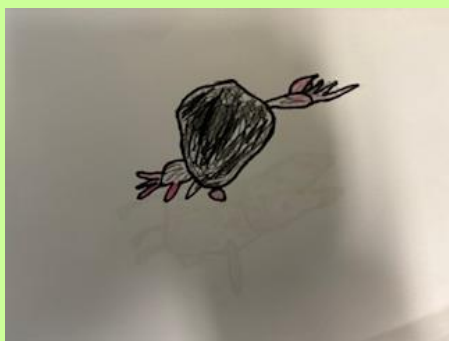


Who can create the longest playdough worm?

We used the cubes to measure our worms and practised our careful counting skills!



Look at our observational drawings of under the ground animals! We looked closely at the shapes and colours we could see on some real life photos!



# Farewell to Mrs Heatley



This week we all said goodbye to the lovely Mrs Heatley. She has been a wonderful part of our Acorns Team and both children and staff will miss her very much. Our Foundation Stage children all love her energetic, kind and nurturing ways. We would like to thank Mrs Heatley for all of her hard work and also wish her lots of luck starting her new adventure. Mrs Heatley is opening up an ice-cream shop on Belgrave Road and is hoping this will be open in time for the Easter holidays. How very exciting! Keep in touch Mrs Heatley and hopefully see you for an ice-cream soon!



## Junk modelling plea

The children are really enjoying using the recycled materials to create models in the Art Studio at the moment and we are always running out of these items. We would love to receive any clean recycled materials you may have at home e.g. cereal boxes, milk bottle lids, kitchen roll tubes, biscuit boxes etc.

**Thank you in advance!**

## Read Write Inc. home learning:

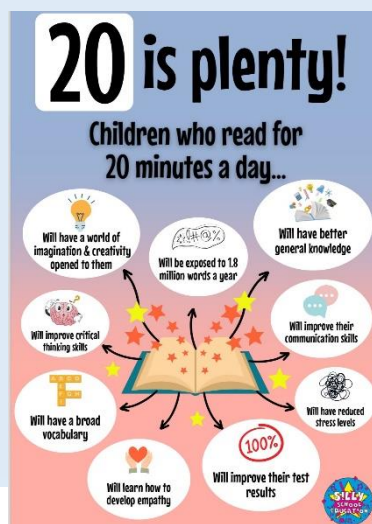


Please look out for a separate email from now on containing your child's Read, Write Inc video links. We will no longer be including these in the Acorns Newsletter.

Please spend a little time watching these videos with your child to help them consolidate their phonics learning in school. This practise at home is very important to help them make progress.

We also ask that you write a little comment in your child's reading diary each week if they are now bringing books home so we can see how they are getting on. Your child's book will be changed on either a Thursday or a Friday each week so please make sure your child has their zippy bag in school containing their book and reading diary so we can change it.

It is also important to spend time reading to your child for enjoyment each day. Below is a little poster to explain some of the many benefits of reading to your child.



**Have a lovely weekend everyone!**