**Acorns Update Week 2 (Week beginning 21.09.20)**

**Helper – every child has a turn at being Helper for the Day. They sit on a special chair and go through the visual timetable with the class. They complete the weather chart. At tidy up time they shake the tambourine (everybody has to stop, put things down carefully or get safely off the equipment, put their hands in the air and listen to the tidy up instruction). The helper also helps sends each group (green, blue, red, yellow) off of the carpet to; the toilet before lunch, to activities, to get home time things ready etc. Sometimes there are other special jobs too.**

**Break times -**we are joining the Year 1 and 2 children on the main playground at break. At the moment we have a coned off area with the playhouse, picnic table, wooden train, hopscotch, shapes and a maze if we want somewhere quiet to play. Otherwise we go on the main playground where there are balls, hoops, skipping ropes, bucket stilts and balance boards to play with. If it is not wet and slippery we are allowed on the Humpty (the grass area) to play on the wooden trim trail equipment.

**Afternoon register - w**e learned how to do the afternoon register. Mrs Calvert says our name and then greets us with ‘Good Afternoon’. We reply: ‘Good Afternoon, Mrs Calvert’. When everyone has replied, we say ‘Good Afternoon Mrs Coupe’ and then ‘Good Afternoon Everyone’.

**Art** - we have all learned to use the easel. We know how to peg up the paper, where to find the aprons, how to put the painting on the drying rack and hang our apron up afterwards. We also know to ask a friend to help us with this if we need to. Well done everyone. Next week – we will learn to write our name (or put our mark on the paper) so we know who’s painting it is.

**Stories - we have a story at snack time, after lunch whilst we are having a drink and nursery rhymes at the end of the day. So far we have enjoyed: Dear Zoo, Barry the Fish with No Fingers, Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose, Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? Walking through the jungle, You Choose, The Gruffalo, Hello, Goodbye and many more.**

**PSED/Circle Time - with adult support we are learning to take turns, use our words to explain to others, wait for others to respond. We shared iPlayer Raa Raa the Noisy Lion Twos Company about letting others join our game. We are also learning to look after the equipment and to tidy up. In Circle Time we have been learning the names of the children in the class and something about them e.g. What they like to do (at home/at school). We will carry on with Circle Time next week as there are so many names to learn and much more to find out about our peers. We listened to the story ‘Hello, Goodbye’ (bear makes lots of friends by saying hello and goodbye). We talked about saying hello to others and telling them our name. We have also talked about polite words: please, thank you and excuse me.**

**Rules**

**We talked about rules at home – lots of the children were able to share the rules they have. We talked about the rules are to keep us safe and happy. We talked about the school rules we have to keep us safe e.g. walk in the classroom, put (don’t throw) objects in the box, one box of equipment out at a time. And to keep us happy we have kind words and gentle hands.**

A great week and very busy too. There will be lots of tired children – hope you all have a restful weekend. There will be some different equipment in the classroom on Monday!