

ACORN CLASS NEWS

This term we have been having great fun travelling 'Around the World' for our topic. Each week we've boarded 'Acorn Airways' and jetted off to a new continent, meeting different animals, site-seeing, experiencing different cultures through art and tasting different foods. Come journey with us as Acorn Class 'goes global'!



"I like the peas, water makes the spice go away"



"I like the smell of it"



"I love pizza on a Friday!"

Fantastic Food!



"I want cheese and tomato on mine"



"I have never seen that before but I liked it"



Welcome to our Pizza Restaurant!

Fantastic Foodies
The children have enjoyed trying foods from all over the world. From making their own pizzas (both real and pretend in our popular pizza parlour) to spicy Indian delicacies and sweet Canadian pancakes with maple syrup - the Acorns have had their tastebuds truly tickled!

All Aboard Acorn Airways!

Each Monday, the children have joined Captains Blake and Benjamin for a super flight to a new continent, despite some small grumbling regarding the lack of a snacks trolley during the flight, we have successfully navigated our way to Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and both North and South America. Children have taken in-flight security very seriously, staying in their allocated seat and keeping the gangway clear. They have diligently put their seatbelts on when the light has come on and have had (pretend) lollipops and sucky sweets at the ready for take off and landing. They have had fun exploring the continents upon arrival, travelling in pairs and finding out all about their new surroundings.



This is your Captain speaking... on behalf of all of us at Acorn Airways we wish you well on your onward journey.

What can you see?
Are we in the countryside or a big city?
What is the same and different to where we live?



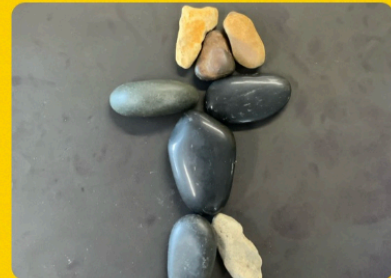
Whatever the Weather!

Although this term has certainly not lived up to it's name of 'Summer' yet, that has not stopped our Acorns from exploring, our favourite day of the year happened a few weeks ago - Blossom Day! It's a truly magical day in Acorn and the children love using the blossom for all sorts of play.

Art-venturers!

As our travels have taken us around the globe, we have experienced art from many different places and had a go at experimenting with new techniques and styles ourselves.

We started looking at different printing techniques, such as ones used in the intricate production of Indian and African textiles and experimented by using rollers to create our own printed designs. In Australia, we looked at some Aboriginal dot-art, looking for patterns, and describing what we could see before having a go ourselves working carefully with our fine motor skills to produce carefully thought out patterns. Just like the real art we experimented on different materials, some choosing card, paper or even wood. Finally, we looked at Inukshuk stone markers, created by Inuit peoples in the far reaches of Northern Canada, Greenland and Alaska. We used stones to make our own flat-lay interpretations of these imposing monuments.



World Class Learning

Of course, it goes without saying, that despite our jet-setting lifestyle over the past few weeks, the children have still had time for some marvellous maths and wonderful reading and writing. Our Message Centre continues to be one of the most popular areas in our classroom and when our pizza area was found to be in need of a new pizza cutter, the children utilised their fine motor skills to not only make one in the Making Area but then post it to the correct address so it reached our chef timely and safely! Our maths this term has focussed on areas as diverse as 3D shapes, to 20 and beyond and answering the question 'how many now?' by solving 'first, then and now' problems using adding and subtraction skills.



