

## Happy New Year

to all our wonderful families - we hope you had a great Christmas and new year! The children have coped well with the return back to school after the holidays. They are all starting to get back into the swing of things and the routines of the school day.

This term our topic is dragons, knights and castles, with our prime focus on dragons. The topic was introduced to the children through our discovery box. The children engaged well with this and were keen to select and handle objects that they choose.

This week our focus song has been 5 little dragons which reinforces early number skills. For our expressive arts and design focused activities we have been painting dragons, making paper plate dragons and 3D models of dragons to use in our classroom display.

The children enjoyed messy play this week and a group sensory bingo session, where they made choices and explored different stimuli.

In our phonics sessions we are working on a mix of phase 1 and phase 2. Stan and Amelia did really well with an initial letter matching activity!

We've also enjoyed playing with the construction toys to build and balance with to make towers and structures. Some of the boys played so beautifully together with these toys.

We had a very successful library session this week! All the children sat and listened to the story and then looked at books by themselves or with their key person we were so proud!



**Next Week...** We will continue with our dragon focus and learn about dragons eggs. We will be making papier-mache eggs and decorating them and going on a dragon egg hunt.

## Reminders

Please send any photos to [lhall@acorns.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lhall@acorns.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you 😊

A voluntary donation of £1 per week is greatly appreciated for baking, snacks, messy and sensory play items.

Please ensure all your child's items of clothing are all labelled.

**And Finally... have a good weekend all ye knights, nobles and princesses. We bid you a good night until the morrow.**

