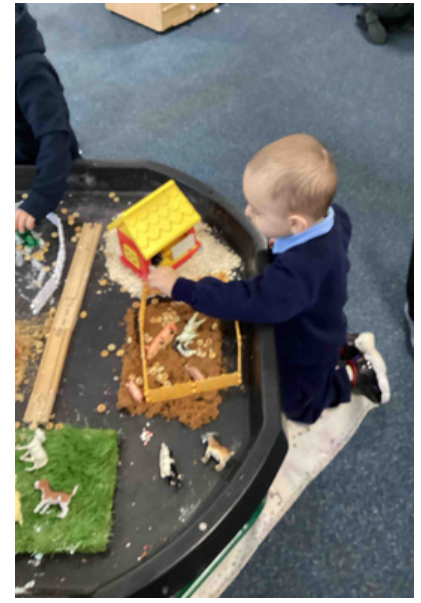


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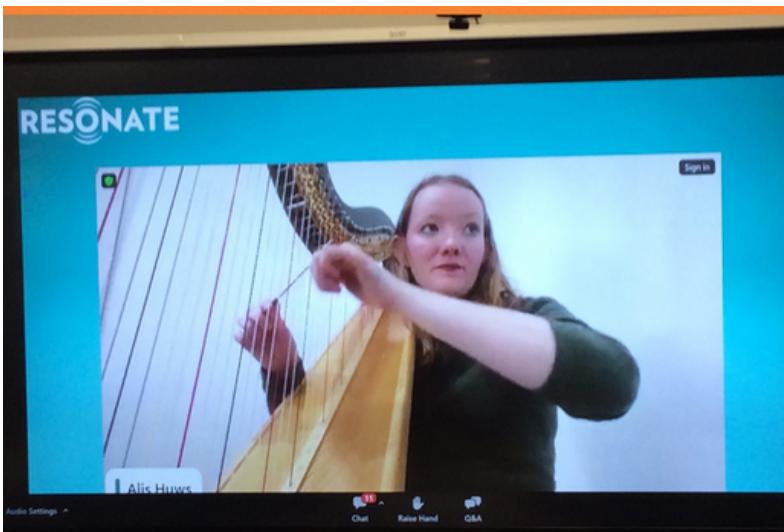
Little Acorns - Down on the Farm

Little Acorns have had a busy week this week finishing off their topic of superheroes and starting their new topic of 'Down on the Farm.' We finished our superhero topic off with a special visit from firefighters, who even brought their fire engine! The children enjoyed learning about the fire engine and what fire fighters do and even got to sit in the fire truck. To start our new topic children have been using their listening skills to figure out which animals make which sound and exploring a farm themed messy play activity. We have had a very fun first week back and are looking forward to learning lots more about our new topic.



Year 3 - Musical Monday

Year 3 enjoyed learning about a new instrument – a harp. We were very lucky to take part in Musical Monday organised by Resonate. We listened to Alis Huws, the Welsh harpist, playing various classical pieces of music and modern songs. She told us that she is the Official Royal Harpist and she played for King Charles III on many occasions. We found the music very calm and peaceful and agreed that listening to this music would be a good method to use when we feel worried or stressed to calm ourselves down, to help us cope and relax.



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This week I would like to let you know how very proud I am of our children and teachers.

Yesterday and today, we were involved in a 'Computing Triad' which involves teachers from local schools visiting each other, observing lessons and interviewing the children. They were accompanied by Mr Sean Jones who is Computing Leader for Liverpool. This morning was Four Oaks turn to host the group. Everything about Four Oaks impressed our colleagues during their visit. First, they observed Mrs Rafferty delivering a Digital Binary lesson. All the teachers who observed the session said the delivery was of a very impressive standard with one teacher saying to Mrs Rafferty, "You blew us away!" The children were equally fulsome in their praise saying that it was their first lesson on Digital Binary and they felt that they learned a great deal and could remember everything that Mrs Rafferty told them. The teachers then spent time discussing how Computing is taught in the different schools and sharing good practice so we can consider any approaches that might benefit Four Oaks. Finally, the teachers interviewed a group of Year 5 children. The children have written an article describing their experience below.

Have a great weekend,
Kind regards, Mrs Robinson, Headteacher

Computing Triad, Friday 23rd February.

Today Miss Kehoe asked us to talk to a group of teachers from other schools about what we are learning in Computing. It was very different to anything we had done before but it was a good experience. We learned that the people we were talking to weren't just teachers but oversee Computing in their schools. There was Pinehurst, Beacon and St Johns there as well a man called Mr Jones who was in charge of Computing for schools across the whole of Liverpool.

It felt like a proper interview with the teachers sitting on one side of the conference table and we were on the other and we could see that all the teachers were keen to ask us questions and were listening to everything we said. At first we felt nervous because we didn't want to get anything wrong but the man in charge, Mr Jones, kept saying how incredibly knowledgeable we were and all the teachers were agreeing.

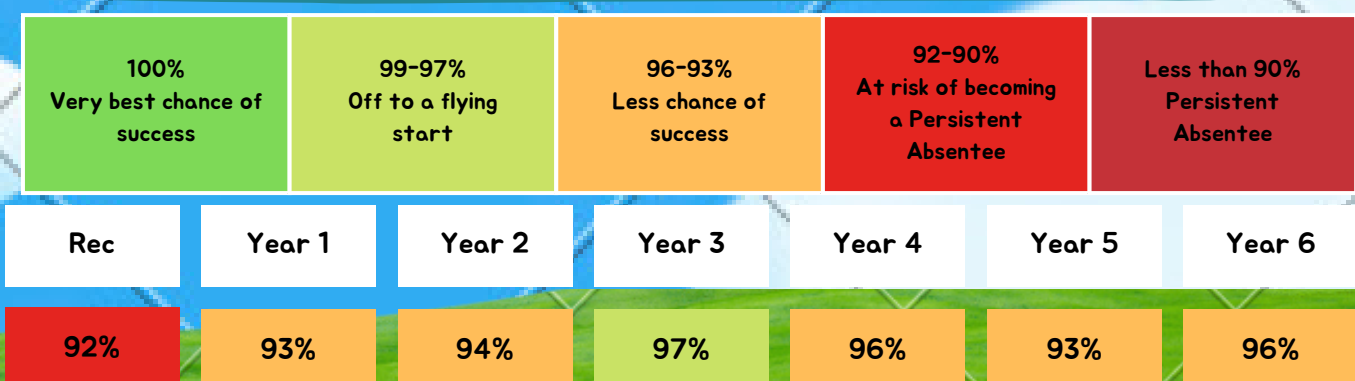
They asked us questions about which Apps we had used and what they were like. We think they were wondering what to use in their schools. They also checked how much we knew about digital footprints, URLs, coding and E safety. We were able to answer easily and you could see that they were impressed. For instance, we were able to describe how your digital footprint never disappears even after you think you have deleted it and it can be checked when you apply for a job when you are older. They then asked us to describe a topic that we had found hard but now thought was easy. We thought that digital binary was hard until Mrs Rafferty explained it to us.

We were asked about jobs that need Computing skills. We suggested coding, being an official hacker to test websites, journalist, computing teacher, author or digital illustrator. We said that we really like the work of Poonam Mistry who is a digital illustrator. Why don't you google her work? It's amazing.

We really enjoyed the experience and it was great that we learned about programming from Mr Jones as well.

Reece, Lamar, Caleb, Blessing and Cara
Year 5

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TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.



The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done year 3!