

Acorns Class Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will follow our nursery routines and understand why they are important.
- Learn to make good choices and the talk about the consequences of our actions.
- Support and manage health, hygiene, and toileting.
- Enjoy playing with our peers, elaborating play ideas.

Physical Development

- In PE (Wiggle Wednesday), children will develop an understanding of safety, spatial awareness, hand-eye coordination and moving in different ways.
- Continue to develop movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
- Children will take part in activities to develop fine and gross motor skills, including pencil and scissor control.
- Children will use a knife and fork when eating.
- Learn to put on coats, independently zipping/fastening.

Maths

- Children will learn the days of the week through listening to and singing songs.
Focus on 'noticing' - making children aware of maths around them.
- We will explore with objects using language more than, fewer than or the same amount. Vocabulary such as small, big, short and tall will also help children to make comparisons.
- We will play with shapes and objects and explore patterns - children will select shapes appropriately.
- Listen to the stories and songs and notice when words are repeated
- We will introduce '0' and children will learn to recognise and gain deeper understanding of 1, 2, and 3.
- Show finger numbers and recite numbers past 5.

Communication and Language

- Understand two-part instructions and questions.
- Maintain attention, concentration and sitting quietly during small group carpet time.
- Listen to longer stories and remember much of what happens.
- Children will use please and thank you when communicating with adults and peers.

Understanding the World

- Children will confidently navigate the indoor and outdoor space in nursery.
- Use all their senses in a hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- We will enjoy baking.
- Talk about Remembrance Day and celebrating Christmas with family / family celebrations.
- We will enjoy exploring our space theme through exciting continuous provision and adult led activities.

Literacy

- Children will recognise their name on their peg and letters in their name.
- We will encourage children to handle books correctly following left to right.
- Adults will sound out words so children can hear the letter sounds.
- We will read traditional stories, fact books and fiction / non-fiction books.
- Begin to learn letter phrases and trace over letters in their name.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Children will learn to recognise colours and explore what happens when they mix them.
- Play instruments with increasing control to express feelings and ideas.
- Listen to sounds with increasing attention.
- We will sing, dance and make music - practise songs for our Christmas performance.
- Children will enjoy role play.

