

The Early Years Curriculum is made up of 7 areas, split into two groups; Prime Areas and Specific Areas.

**Prime Areas:** Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

**Specific Areas:** Mathematics, Literacy, Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding the World.



## Acorn Class Pre-School

# OUR BIG WIDE WORLD

**Physical Development**

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon. This term we will be focusing on athletics. The children will also be getting ready for sport's day and practising some of the races. The children will be exploring negotiating space and running around obstacles and to a certain destination.

We will be developing and strengthening fine motor control through dough disco and funky finger activities



### **Personal Social and Emotional Development**

During this half term the children will be looking at 'feelings'. The children will be encouraged to talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. We will also be looking at how we could change different feelings to different situations and that it's ok to feel in a certain way at times.



### **Communication and Language**

#### **Listening and Attention**

Listening to a range of stories such as 'Pirates Love Underpants' and nonfiction texts about habitats around the world such as the ocean.

Responding to what they have listened to with questions.  
Listening to their peers and responding to what they say.

#### **Understanding**

Following instructions involving multiple ideas or actions.  
Listening to and answering why and how questions about plastic pollution and class texts.

#### **Speaking**

Using a range of tenses correctly.  
Developing their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas.  
Questioning why things happen and giving explanations.  
Retelling simple past events in correct order.  
Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.

## Literacy



### Reading:

Acorn Class will read 'Pirates Love Underpants', 'Duffy's Lucky Escape' and a range of nonfiction texts about different habitats and plastic pollution.

Nursery children will be learning actions to help their retelling of the story Pirates Love Underpants. We will be focusing on repeated refrains and joining in with repetitive phrases when orally retelling.

**Phonics:** Children will secure Phase 2 sounds. They will also continue to develop their segmenting and blending skills, focusing on hear a beginning middle and ending sound in a simple CVC word. we will also be focusing on the Phase 2 tricky words such as I and the.

### Writing:

We will be developing our formation of Phase 2 sounds using our fine motor control and cursive formation. We will be labelling our work and creations segmenting each sound, focusing on hearing a beginning, middle and ending sound in a simple CVC word.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring the different sounds of instruments when listening to the song 'Under the Sea'.

Exploring and learning how sounds can be changed to create our own music. We will be creating our own soundtrack to play over a clip from the film 'Finding Nemo'.

Manipulating materials to create a planned effect, creating our own pirate ship.

Exploring materials and using one handed tools to change them.

Choosing particular colours to be used for a purpose, making our own habitats for our chosen animals.

## Understanding the World

The children will be learning about different habitats around the world, in particular under the sea. We will be comparing the different animals that live there focusing on similarities and differences.

We will be comparing the weather in each place and using our senses to explore the world around us.

We will be learning about life on a pirate ship and exploring other modes of transport and whether they travel on land, sea or in the sky.

The children will be following instructions to make a pirate food and drink just like they used to have in the past.

We will be researching and finding facts about turtles and other animals that live under the sea.

We will be learning about dinosaurs and that they lived in the past.



## Mathematics

The nursery children will continue to look at the numbers from 0-10 and order them. The children will be challenged to match quantities to the numeral and begin to say which number is bigger when comparing two sets. The nursery children will be adding practically and use the information about pirates and sea creatures to sort them.

