

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.



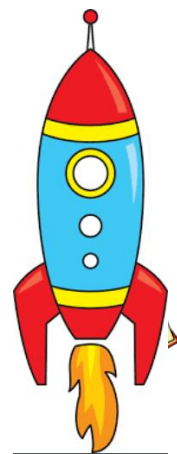
**Acorn Class  
Pre-School**

## 'JOURNEYS AND JULIA DONALDSON'



### 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.



### 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

### Communication and Language

#### **Listening and Attention**

Listening to a range of stories such as 'Monkey Puzzle' and nonfiction texts about habitats around the world such as the rainforests.

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 'Monkey Puzzle, 'Emma Janes Aeroplane' and a range of nonfiction texts about Amelia Earhart.

Nursery children will be learning actions to help their retelling of the story The Way Back Home.

**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 different songs.

Exploring and learning how sounds can be changed to create our own music.

Manipulating materials to create a planned effect, creating our own recycled vehicles.

Exploring materials and using one handed tools to change them.

Choosing particular colours to be used for a purpose, making our own hot air balloons.

## Understanding the World

The children will be learning about different vehicles and where they travel. We will be comparing and grouping these vehicles using the criteria 'land, sea, air and track'.

We will be researching and finding out about the famous explorer 'Amelia Earhart' and why she was brave.

The children will be learning about vehicles that travel in the air, creating their own creation to help the main character from our story on world space day. We will be using eggs as our character and creating a vehicle that can travel safely through the air to help him get down from the moon!



## 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.

