

Welcome to Acorn Class



Meet the Team



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What skills does your child need to start school?

Steps to starting school

Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at pacey.org.uk/schoolready



More top tips:

- ★ Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- ★ Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- ★ Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- ★ Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- ★ **And remember**, every child is different and starts school with different abilities

What will happen in a typical school day?

Routine:

- * 8.40am classroom doors
- * Assembly or Busy time activities/ Readers until 9.30am
- * Phonics 9.30-10.15am
- * Literacy/Maths (alternate) 10.15-11.30am
- * Tidy Time 11.30-11.45am
- * Lunch 11.45-1pm
- * Theme 1-3.15pm
- * Home time 3.15pm
- * *Kids Club- available before and after school.*

EYFS Principles

"every child is unique and they learn and develop at different rates and in different ways"

Independent

Confident

Capable

Decision makers

Resilient

Individuals

Positive relationships

The EYFS Curriculum

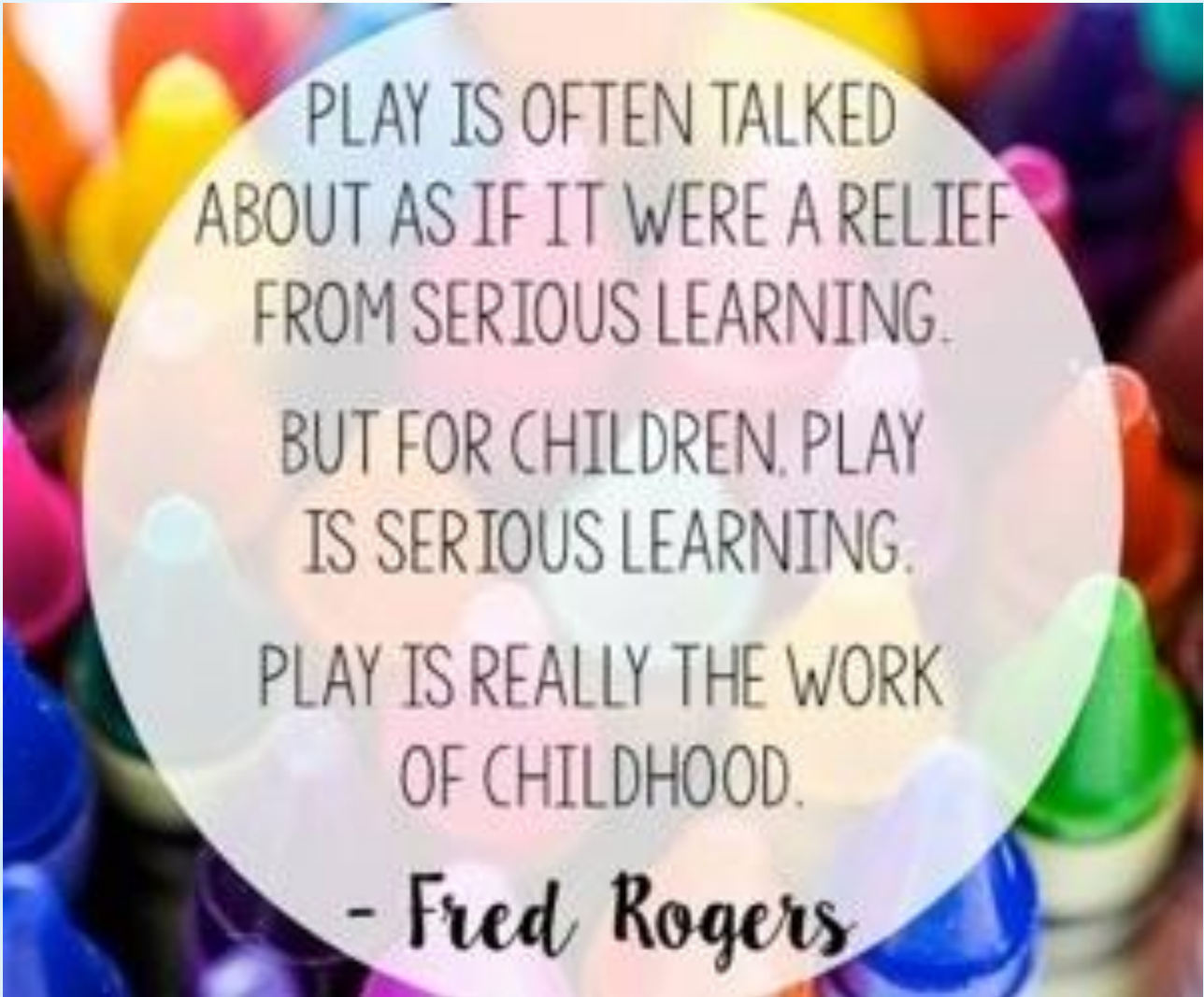
Areas of Learning and Development

Prime Areas

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking	Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships	Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills

Specific Areas

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive art and Design
Comprehension Word Reading Writing	Number Numerical Patterns	Past and Present People culture and Communities The Natural World	Creating with materials Being Imaginative and Expressive



PLAY IS OFTEN TALKED
ABOUT AS IF IT WERE A RELIEF
FROM SERIOUS LEARNING.

BUT FOR CHILDREN, PLAY
IS SERIOUS LEARNING.

PLAY IS REALLY THE WORK
OF CHILDHOOD.

- *Fred Rogers*

- * **Planners-** a brilliant communication tool that will be sent home each night and brought to school each day. We will record any messages and notes including any individual or guided reading that your child completes. A great tool for recording any quick messages for myself to read.
- * **Open door policy-** Parents are welcome to bring their child into school at the beginning of the year however, we do ask as soon as your child is confident enough to do so they come into the classroom by themselves.
- * **School newsletter**
- * **Tapestry-** Photographs taken of the children learning in our environment and sent out through this learning platform.
- * **Parents evening** twice a year (Autumn and Spring term). Learning journeys.
- * **End of year reports**
- * **Curriculum overviews-** A half termly overview explaining our new theme and objectives we will be covering. See next slide.

Communication

Curriculum Overviews

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

Prime Areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Communication and Language (C&L) and Physical Development (PD).

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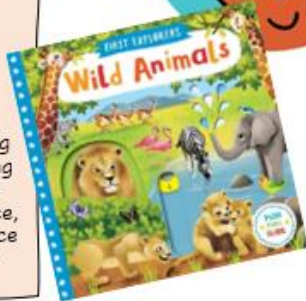


Acorn Class - Nursery On Safari...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be talking about our feelings and gradually understanding how others might feel, learning to talk to others to resolve conflicts and being assertive or finding compromises when necessary.

We will develop interesting play with others, extending and elaborating play ideas and will develop confidence, resilience, and perseverance in the face of a challenge.



Physical Development – PE will be on a Monday afternoon.

This half term we will develop our large motor/muscle/fundamental movement skills (running, jumping, hopping, throwing, and catching) and increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements related to music and rhythm.

We will learn how to collaborate with others when moving large or heavy items safely, for example moving large construction equipment such as tyres and planks.

We will focus on building fine motor strength and dexterity through regular Dough Disco and funky finger activities and will develop our ability to use one handed tools and equipment, for example making snips in paper with scissors or using playdough tools to cut, shape and make marks, showing preference for a dominant hand. We will start learning how to form letters such as those in our name correctly and confidently.

We will become increasingly independent and confident in our own self-care such as when getting changed for PE.

Communication and Language

We will engage in story times - listening to longer stories, joining in with repeated refrains and remembering much of what happens, recalling narrative or facts, and building on our range of new and interesting vocabulary. This will include non-fiction texts linked to our safari theme and our interests.

We will develop our knowledge of poetry and rhyme using our Poetry Basket and build a large repertoire of songs.

Literacy

We will look at a range of books and text, building our knowledge of the five key concepts of print.

We will continue to develop our phonological awareness, particularly with rhyme, and securing our recognition of the phase 2 sounds we have learnt so far and beginning to prepare for a confident start in Reception year.

When writing we will continue to ascribe meaning to marks we make but will focus on making these more clear and recognisable such as when forming the letters of our name or representing number.



Maths

We will develop our understanding of number through number rhymes and the use of manipulatives.

We will be looking at patterns, linked to our Safari theme, and using words to describe them such as spotty or stripy. We will consider what a repeated pattern is and how we could make them.



Understanding the World

Talking Tub activities will help us understand that there are different places and environments in the world.

We will show interest in different occupations, talking about people who look after the environment and animals such as David Attenborough.

We will continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences in people and will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the environment and all living things.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will enjoy exploring a range of self-selected materials, tools, and techniques to experiment with design, colour, and colour mixing - making animal masks, 3D junk models of animals and our own musical instruments.

We will explore tribal and world music, characterised by elements of indigenous musical percussions



RE

In RE the children will be learning about creation and thinking about what is special and unique about our world. We will be learning about different faiths that share the same belief/story that God/Allah created the world and that we should actively look after it and treat all animals with care. We will be thinking about how we can do this.

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Acorn Class – Reception On Safari...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be focussing on identifying, expressing and moderating our feelings and considering the feelings and perspectives of others and how we might respond to these.

We will consider times when others' feelings might be perceived in different ways and how there could be a range of responses, such as when the Selfish Crocodile is horrible to the other animals.

We will continue to focus on factors which support our overall health and wellbeing such as physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, having sensible amounts of screen time and having good sleep routines. We will talk about mindful thinking and ways we can take care of our emotional wellbeing and build resilience.

Communication and Language

We will continue to engage in story and discussion times, which add real enjoyment, context, and depth to our learning, develop deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary and extend our knowledge and experiences of the wider world.

We will also listen to and talk about selected non-fiction, gaining new knowledge of other cultures and contrasting environments, and talking about current world issues such as animal conservation and environmental impact, lead from our interest in Safari animals.

We will respond with appropriate comments and questions, clarifying our understanding and holding engaging conversations with our teachers and peers.

Physical Development – PE will be on a Monday afternoon.

This half term we will revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired (running, jumping, hopping, throwing and catching) and progress towards more fluent styles of moving, including dance, with developing agility and control.

We will learn how to use a range of PE equipment safely and with confidence, competence, precision, and accuracy as we prepare for School Sports Day.

We will build further on our skills at using one handed tools and equipment such as scissors, pens and pencils and will develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.

We will further develop the skills we need to manage our school day successfully such as lining up and queuing and managing our own independent self-care during mealtimes and toileting.



Literacy

Comprehension: Through our enjoyment of books and reading we will demonstrate our understanding by retelling stories, narratives and recalling facts from a range of reading material. We will enjoy developing new vocabulary. We will develop our skills in anticipating key events in the story and proposing endings or changing elements.

Word Reading: We will continue to build on our skills in word reading, reading words which are consistent with our phonic knowledge (building on phase 3 and developing into phase 4 and 5), including some common exception words.

Writing: We will continue to be enthusiastic writers, using clearly identifiable letters to write simple phrases and sentences which can be read by others, spelling/representing words by identifying familiar sounds in them and beginning to build our handwriting ability with joining clusters. We will also focus on developing our knowledge of sentence structure.

Understanding the World

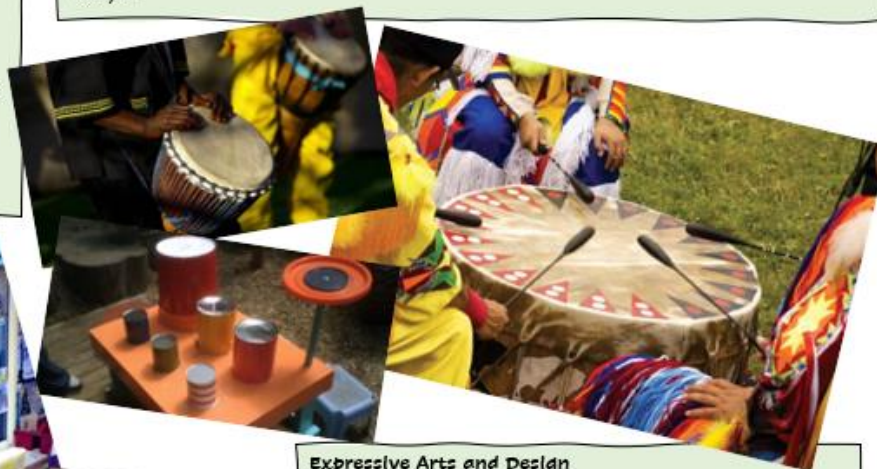
We will talk about similarities and differences between the natural world around us and contrasting environments, drawing on knowledge from a range of sources including non-fiction texts and media.

We will learn about people's specific roles in society, focussing on famous animal conservationists such as David Attenborough, Jane Goodall, Marlin Perkins and Paula Kuhumby.



Maths

Maths will be a big focus this half term. We will develop a deeper understanding of **number** and **numerical patterns**, developing fluency in our knowledge of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number and number bonds to ten. We will learn key concepts such as odd and even numbers, halving, and doubling, and will develop our fluency in understanding and representing numbers in a range of ways.



Expressive Arts and Design




Creating with Materials: We will enjoy exploring a range of self-selected materials, tools and techniques to experiment with colour, design, texture, form and function, making animal masks and 3D junk models of animals.

Being Imaginative and Expressive: We will invent, adapt, and recount narratives and stories, developing our skills in performance, song and moving in time to music. We will explore tribal and world music, characterised by elements of indigenous musical percussions



Homework- Reception Children

- * Autumn phonics focus- sets of sounds sent out each week that are covered in class to support writing formation and recognition.
- * Pick and mix style homework set for reception children at the start of each half term based on the class theme.
- * Very practical activities
- * Parents to sign off once completed
- * Handed out on Friday and returned to school on Wednesday

<u>Summer 1</u>		
EYFS Pick and Mix		
For the Summer term, homework will be in the form of a Pick and Mix style. Select a homework activity each week to complete and ask your adult to sign it off. You should then hand your homework book in each week on a Wednesday for your teacher to mark your work.		
Have fun!		
Literacy 	Fact File Can you create your own information poster or fact file about a Safari animal of your choice? <u>Challenge:</u> Can you record fun facts in full sentences using correct punctuation?	Phonics Can you practise your formation of these digraph and trigraphs? Can you tell your grown up the sounds they make? ow, oo, or, oi, ai ure, ear, air <u>Challenge:</u> Can you record words containing the digraphs e.g. park, coin. Remember to add your sound buttons to each word.
Mathematics 	Read and write me Ask your grown up to give you a number to 20. Can you have a go at forming the number? Why not have a go at writing it in soil outside? Swap with your grown up and ask them to write a number to 20. Can you recognise the number? <u>Challenge:</u> can you spot the correct number of tens and units the number has? <i>E.g. 12 has 1 lot of 10 and 2 units.</i>	Order me Can you find 10 objects around your house and put them in height order? <u>Challenge:</u> can you research the height of your favourite Safari animal and find something that equals the same height?
Theme - Safari 	Safari Can you create your own wild Safari animal? You may want to make your animal 3D using junk modelling or papier-mâché. <u>Challenge:</u> can you make a label to record the animals name and what it likes to eat?	Animal Conservationists Ask your grown-ups to help you find out what being an 'animal conservationist' is. Can you conduct your own research using ipads, computers, books etc. to find interesting facts about a famous animal conservationist of your choice? (Helpful Examples - David Attenborough, Jane Goodall, Marlin Perkins, Paula Kuhumbu) <u>Challenge:</u> Can you record your favourite fact in a sentence or type it out on a computer?

- * All about me pack
- * Children can come dressed up or in their favourite clothes to show their interests. This then helps us learning about the children's likes and supports planning and teaching.



Transition Day

Other Key Messages

- * **Snack Time-** Rolling snack/fruit offered throughout the day as well as specific calm snack story time.
- * **PE-** Reception children will need a full PE kit. Nursery children will need a change of footwear, PE kit optional.
- * **Belongings:**
 - Pegs- All children
 - Trays- Reception children
 - Boxes for planners/reading books.

- * Label all items of clothes/ belongings.
- * Focus on getting dressed and undressed by themselves.
- * Using the toilet confidently.
- * Zipping up coats/ putting on shoes.
- * Recognising their first and last name (helps them to find pegs etc).
- * Encouraged to hold a pencil using the correct pencil grip.
- * Recognising letters in their name and more if able to do so, numbers and shapes/ colours when out and about.
- * Writing their first name
- * Communication and Language- sharing books, talking about their ideas, pronunciation of words.
- * Sharing and turn taking with friends and siblings.

How can you help at home?

A little look at Acorn Class...

Prime- Communication and Language

Speaking, listening, understanding



Prime- Physical Development

Fine and gross motor skills



Prime- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Making relationships, managing feelings, self-confidence



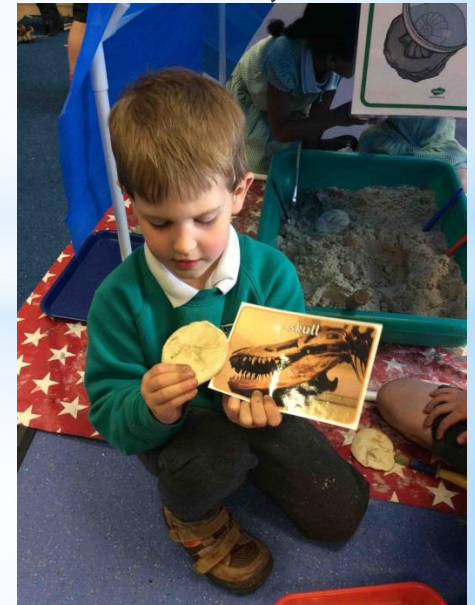
Specific- Expressive Arts and Design

Being imaginative, exploring using media and materials





Specific- Understanding the World
People and communities, the world, technology



Specific- Literacy

Reading, Writing



Specific- Mathematics

Number, Shape, Space and Measure



We look forward to seeing you in
September!

