

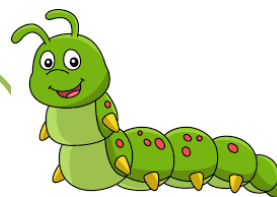
The Early Years Curriculum is made up of 7 areas, split into two groups; Prime Areas and Specific Areas.

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 DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN



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 'The Woolly Bear Caterpillar' and nonfiction texts minibests. 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 minibests, plants and hedgehogs.

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.

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.

Literacy



Reading:

Acorn Class will read a range of fiction and nonfiction texts about minibeasts such as 'The Woolly Bear Caterpillar'.

Preschool children will be learning actions to help their retelling of our class story.

Phonics: Children will begin to learn Phase 2 sounds. They will also continue to develop their oral segmenting and blending skills, focusing on hearing a beginning sound in a simple CVC words.

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 with our name.

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 space rockets for world space day

Exploring materials and using one handed tools to change them.

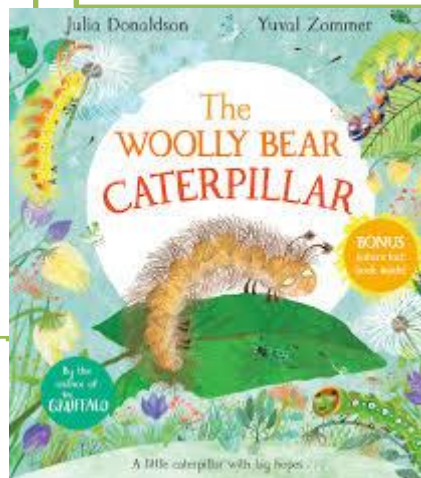
Choosing particular colours to be used for a purpose.

Understanding the World

We will start this half term by learning about plants. We will be going on a plant hunt around the school grounds and planting our own cress, learning what they need to grow.

Acorn children will be learning about different minibeasts, where they live and their lifecycles. We will also be celebrating hedgehog awareness week and outdoor classroom day, learning how to preserve their habitat.

During World Space Day, we will be learning about rockets and planes. Acorn children will be taking part in a local walk to post their creations made on Earth day. We will be exploring our local environment, learning about the seasons and talking about the changing weather.



Mathematics

The preschool 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.

