## The Acorns School



## Functional Skills English KS3/4 Sept 2021-July 2022

- 1. Half Term Theme: Resources on Virtual School from EL1=L2. S&L (speaking and listening), R (reading), W (writing).
- 2. Personalised Learning: Individualised teaching to address gaps/barriers in learning. See Learning Diary, Progress Map and PLP.
- 3. Exam Preparation: Activities to prepare for/complete exams (provided on demand throughout the year). KEY STAGE 4 ONLY

**KEY STAGE 3 FOCUS:** Activities are used to supplement KS3 English curriculum. Focussed teaching for individuals who require a "recovery curriculum". **KEY STAGE 4 FOCUS:** Personalised Learning is used to ensure progression from Key Stage 3 FS activities. Certification is achieved as soon as possible to raise confidence to move on to GCSE qualifications or a higher level in Functional Skills to ensure best outcome post 16.

Autumn First Half Term	Spring First Half Term	Summer First Half Term	
1. <b>S&amp;L:</b> Summer Holiday Activities. Setting targets.	<b>1.S&amp;L:</b> Values and Politics- what's important to	1. <b>S&amp;L:</b> Outdoor Activities. Hobbies and Pastimes.	
Recall main points in short spoken excerpt.	you? Extending skills- sharing more information in	Leaving school. Recalling and making requests	
R: Reading Tables and Forms, scanning text.	discussions, speaking in more detail.	from source material provided.	
<b>W</b> : Form Filling, Read and spell words on word	R: Text expressing personal opinions. Informative	<b>R:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> person newspaper/magazine text.	
list in the progress map.	and Instructive Text	<b>W:</b> Articles: 1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	
	W: Informal Letter Writing and Emails, Read and	Read and spell words on word list in the progress	
	spell words on word list in the progress map.	map.	
2. Complete baselines. Identify skills learnt	2. Address gaps in learning to achieve/consolidate	2. Reflect on progress since start of the year –	
(Progress Map) and next steps (Learning Diary)	next level. Discuss end of year targets and	achievements and areas to focus on until the end	
Explore preferred topics to read/talk about.	progress –re-evaluate end of year goals.	of the year.	
3. Learn how exams are presented and complete	3. Mock papers at higher level. Prepare for exams.	3.Complete mock papers at a higher level to final	
achievable sample papers. Discuss target grades.	(Prepare to retake exams if needed).	exam to extend skills .	
Autumn Second Half Term	Spring Second Half Term	Summer Second Half Term	
1. <b>S&amp;L:</b> Autumn/Winter Activities, Planning for	1. <b>S&amp;L:</b> Values and Politics- what do others think?	1. <b>S&amp;L:</b> Post 16 options. Summer Holiday	
Christmas. Make requests from source provided	Recall other's opinion from spoken excerpt.	Activities.	
(e.g menu).	<b>R:</b> different opinions, Informative/Instructive Text	R: College prospectus,	
R: Adverts and Memos & 2nd person	W: Formal Letter Writing/Emails. Read and spell	W: Applications and writing CV's.	
W: Adverts and Memos & 2nd person, skimming	words on word list in the progress map.	Consolidate/extend/fill gaps in leqrning. Read and	
text. Read and spell words on word list in the		spell words on word list in the progress map.	
progress map.			
2. Complete gaps in learning to sit exam.	2. Complete gaps in learning to sit exam.	2. Complete gaps in learning to sit exam. Reflect	
		on next steps for next year.	
3. Sit first exam papers. (If not ready mock).	3. Sit 2nd exam papers. (If not ready mock).	3. Sit end of year exam papers.	