

TINY SEEDS BECOME MIGHTY TREES

Parents Curriculum Information

WELCOME

Welcome to Acorn class to all our new starters. This information sheet will tell you what we will be covering for the next half term.

These Parent Curriculum Information sheets come out each half term and will have key dates, the books that we will be looking at and key questions that you can talk about at home with your child.



Acorns



Welcome

INFORMATION

School Nursery will feel slightly different to private nurseries that you might be used to and this really can take a lot of getting used to. But please be reassured that we will look after your children and care for them so much!

I will update Dojo at the end of the week with photographs and tell you what activities we have been doing that week. If you need to ask us or tell us anything then you can let me through Dojo, at the door or, let one of the TAs know at breakfast and after school club and they will share with me when they drop off.



KEY QUESTIONS

- What is my school called?
- Who is part of my school community?
- Who is someone who helps us? e.g. police, nurse, doctor, teacher, chef etc.
- What do they do to help us?
- How do they help others?
- Who is someone who helps in your life?

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COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

During this half term we will be talking about who we are and our likes and dislikes. We will be concentrating on expanding the children's vocabulary and for them to start using their words to communicate with their friends. We will also be emphasising the importance of listening to each other and to the staff. We will encourage eye contact as much as is possible to encourage engagement.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It is very important that children learn to get along with each other. Some children find this easier than others. As staff, we will work with the children in the areas to ensure that they learn to share, form friendships with staff and peers and begin to self-regulate. During 'Tiny Seeds Become Mighty Trees' we will be reading *The Colour Monster* that looks at the feelings, love, happiness, calm, anger, fear and sadness.



Communication and
Language



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PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENTS

We look at both gross and fine motor skills and develop both of these during your child's time in EYFS. In Nursery we concentrate on developing muscle tone in the core with tummy time, play dough, threading, bike riding etc to develop the whole body ready to start writing in FS2. These early steps are crucial in a child's development.



Phonics



Physical

LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS

During this half term we will start our Phase 1 phonics where we will be concentrating on our listening skills. This will help us listen to stories and ultimately be able to access phonics next year to read and write. In maths, we will be concentrating on rote counting and learning about numbers 1-4 (a number a week). We will also be thinking about how we can represent those numbers.

THINGS I CAN DO AT HOME

- Put on my shoes and socks
- Put on my coat
- Thread pasta onto a shoelace
- Play with play dough and Duplo/Lego to strengthen my finger muscles
- Listen to and retell stories from the pictures in books
- Listen to the sounds around me

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UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

During this half term we will be concentrating on what we look like and how we can start to draw ourselves. We will be colour mixing and learning how to use the creative area. We will be exploring our nursery and talking about our families and communities. We will be learning about the people in our school and the people who help us in school and in society.



Understanding the World



Expressive Arts

BOOKS WE WILL READ

The Gruffalo
The Colour Monster
The Day the Crayons Quit
Goat Goes to Playgroup
Dash Dinosaur is Starting School
People Who Help Us Series
Susie goes to the Dentist

Each half term we will also cover a traditional tale:
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

And a whole lot of reading for pleasure books!

KEY DATES

8/10/24 Harvest Festival
9/10/25 Scary hair Day
10/10/24 INSET Day - School Closed
20-21-22/10/24 Parents' Meetings
23/10/25 School Photograph Day
24/10/25 Last day of term
3/11/24 INSET Day - School Closed
4/11/24 School reopens