

Personal Social and Emotional Development



This term staff will support the children as they get to know each other, make new friends and form relationships with the staff and their peers.

We will be learning about the rules and expectations of our preschool environment and supporting the children to express and share their feelings appropriately. The children will learn the importance of taking shared responsibility for our classroom by helping to tidy up and by showing respect for our toys and equipment.

Expressive Art and Design

Through our creative and messy play activities the children will be exploring different materials such as paint, playdough, sand, gloop and dry materials such as rice. We will encourage independent creativity through free painting, mark making and cutting and sticking activities.

In circle time activities we will be singing songs and introducing musical instruments, naming them and exploring the different sounds they make.

We will provide opportunities for imaginative play through small world toys and our role play areas.

Physical Development

We will support the children to develop their gross and fine motor skills by practicing running, climbing, jumping and threading, cutting and mark making. We will also provide regular opportunities for the children to enjoy action songs and rhymes.

We will support the children to use tools such as hammers and scissors safely and effectively.

We will encourage the children's independence when managing toileting and washing hands as well as dressing themselves with simple items of clothing - shoes, coats etc.

Communication and Language

We will encourage the children's listening and attention skills through daily stories at carpet time and adult led games and activities.

We will introduce the children to new vocabulary through our planned topics. Key vocabulary letters will provide details of this vocabulary.

Whole class carpet times will help to support children in group situations and in becoming more confident to talk to others about their thoughts and interests.



Acorns Preschool Class

Topic Web Autumn 2026

Our topics this term will include

**Settling In, Colours, Harvest and
Autumn, Bonfire Night,
Diwali, Christmas and Winter.**

(Topics may be adapted to follow the particular interests of the children)

Mathematics

In maths activities the children will explore colour sorting, colour matching and using colour for a purpose. We will encourage the children to count and group different objects together using mathematical criteria. We will use mathematical language such as longer, shorter, taller, bigger and smaller when sorting. We will be recognising written numbers 0-5 and 5-10 and counting numbers in sequence 0-10.



Literacy

Our focus this term will be on developing the children's listening and attention skills through daily "Letters and Sounds" activities, stories, songs and rhymes. These activities form the basis of early phonics. We will encourage the children to recognise their names in print and explore mark making using a variety of resources.



Here are just some of the books we will be sharing

What Do I Look Like?
White is the Moon
Brown Bear, Brown Bear...
What makes a Rainbow?
The Little Red Hen
Farmer Duck
The Giant Turnip
Traditional Tales e.g. The 3 Little Pigs



Understanding of the World



These activities will provide opportunities for the children to explore and reflect on changes in their natural environment

We will also learn about different customs and celebrations through Diwali, Thanksgiving and Christmas activities and reflect on our own families and our school community.