

Autumn - 2025

Acorn Room Newsletter

Welcome to our first Acorn Room curriculum newsletter. You will receive one of these each half term and it will inform you about the many different learning experiences and key skills we are teaching your children.

The new children are beginning to develop warm relationships with the staff as they explore the rich learning experiences offered in our environment. The children have all settled in very quickly and we are doing short group time sessions tailed to suit the children's needs. They are learning the "Hello" and "Goodbye" songs and getting to understand the daily routines.

Developing positive relationships

We are really encouraging your child to develop warm relationships and become dependent on the staff in the group. It is only when they are dependent on that significant other that independent skills can grow and develop. The staff will be acknowledging your child's feelings and nurturing them, giving them a sense of belonging in to the new group. Responding to their emotional needs is really important.

Physical development and the outdoor environment

We really value the experiences that the children can explore in the outdoor environment.

Outdoor play encourages children's large physical skills, this is vitally important for young children's core development and impacts all other areas of learning .

We are offering a wide range of large physical play equipment inside. Large balancing balls, ribbon sticks, materials and the balance board.

All of these encourage the children to explore through there vestibular sense, figuring out where their bodies are in relation to the ground and gravity.

Play Skills

The learning experiences offered in the environment are well planned to encourage children to explore, discover and investigate for themselves.

The adults will model a wide range of play skills and support children's interests in the environment.

Learning to play with the objects, resources and materials will come from the children's exploratory play.

Children at this stage of development are content to play on their own, the staff will encourage them to play alongside the other children, supporting positive social interactions and using language to support this.

All children are keen communicators, we support language and communication in the nursery. This term we will be focusing on 'naming' objects and 'describing' the actions that the children explore when playing in the environment. Introducing new words to enhance children's vocabulary.

Rich sensory experiences are being offered to support children's emotional development, mark making, sensory play and physical skills.

Offering the children sensory experiences helps them to focus, it can be calming and offer reassurance, lowering children's anxiety.



Please check your child's Tapestry account each day as this is our main source of communication with you as parents. We will share and celebrate what your children are doing at nursery, as well as inform you with newsletters and first aid forms. We would love to see the exciting things that happen at home, so please also share with us by adding your own observations. These may be of your child celebrating a special family event such as:- birthdays, a trip to the park, baking at home or learning a new skill.

Literacy Skills

We will be supporting your child to develop their literacy skills starting from listening and attention activities. We use a big bucket full of surprise to help support attention and anticipation alongside a variety of other activities that are exciting for the children to watch. We will also be introducing some core books alongside this and we will be reading Buster's Farm and Oh Dear!



Language Development

We will further support your child by helping to increase their vocabulary skills. The adults will introduce new words to the children whilst they play such as whilst playing in the water making a container full and empty and emphasising the words e.g "Yours is full! Mine is empty."

Festivals and Celebrations

We love to have any opportunity to celebrate festivals and events and this half term we will be celebrating Diwali, Bonfire Night and also it will be the run up to Christmas which is always a fun and sparkly time of the year. If you as a family celebrate any other events please let us know so we can celebrate in Acorn too!

Routines and boundaries

The children are quickly adapting to the new nursery routine and alongside that we have some expectations for them to (try and) follow whilst they attend Acorn sessions. The expectations have been put onto this post so please have a look

School Fund

Please remember to bring £1 each week which goes towards school fund.

These contributions help us to do lovely extra's with your child such as cooking activities, presents at Christmas etc. We now have a till in the entrance that your child can put their money in.

