

THE CURRICULUM AT ACORNS NURSERY: **LITTLE ACORNS**

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum

At Acorns Nursery we work from the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework which sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old.

There are four guiding principles in the EYFS. We believe it is important that these principles are used when implementing the seven learning and development areas.

The principles are: -

1. Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
2. Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
3. Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments** with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers.
4. The importance of **learning and development**. Children develop and learn at different rates.

For more information see links below.

- [EYFS Statutory Framework](#)
- [Development Matters 2020 \(revised 2021\)](#)
- [Birth to 5 Matters](#)

Areas of learning and development

The curriculum in our nursery is centred around the seven areas of learning and development. The areas are: -

Communication and Language:

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional:

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Physical Development experiences:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

Literacy experiences:

- Comprehension
- Reading
- Writing

Mathematics experiences:

- Number
- Numerical Patterns

Understanding the World:

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Creating with Materials
- Being imaginative and Expressive

The activities planned by our practitioners are designed with each child's next steps in mind.

Our allocation of time, space and resources will provide opportunities for every child to develop to their potential, socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and morally.

**Through carefully planned activities we support and enhance your child's learning.
We plan themes in our long-term plan but these are not 'set in stone' and are
flexible to address the ever-growing and changing needs of all our children and their interests.**

ACORNS NURSERY CURRICULUM AND LONG-TERM PLANNING AT ACORNS NURSERY: LITTLE ACORNS

	AUTUMN TERM 1	AUTUMN TERM 2	SPRING TERM 1	SPRING TERM 2	SUMMER TERM 1	SUMMER TERM 2
THEMES/ TOPICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Baseline assessments ➤ All About Me and My family ➤ All about Nursery routines/staff ➤ Autumn Season ➤ Autumn animals ➤ Harvest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Room on the broom ➤ Bonfire Night ➤ Christmas/family Celebrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Winter ➤ Winter animals ➤ Farm ➤ Chinese New Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emotions and feelings ➤ Spring time ➤ Growth: animals and plants ➤ Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The great outdoors ➤ Minibeasts ➤ The Hungry Caterpillar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summer time ➤ Weather ➤ Holidays ➤ People who help us – police, firefighters, doctors.
WOW MOMENTS (INC. CELEBRATIONS; VISITS)	Harvest Festival Yoga Baking Rhyme/music every week/day all year	Bonfire Night (Nov 5 th) Remembrance Day Children in need Christmas Stay and play session every week. Yoga Winter walks	New Year Chinese New Year Valentine’s Day Yoga Stay and play session Tractor visit Chinese new year celebration	Pancake Day World Book Day Red nose day Mother’s Day Easter Yoga Spring walks	Earth Day National Pet Month Stay and play session Yoga Live caterpillars Mini beast walk	Father’s day Parents evening Yoga Visit from fire engine People who help us – visitors.
CORE/ ESSENTIAL TEXTS	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’m Starting Nursery • Brown Bear Brown Bear • We’re going on a bear hunt • We’re going on a leaf hunt • Peace at last • It is fall • Hide and seek • Everybody’s welcome 	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room on the broom • I’m a little Firework • The Nativity • I love you Father Christmas • Dear Santa • Stick man • Pepper Pig - Diwali 	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percy Park Keeper – The winters day • Pepper Pig – Chinese new year • The Snowy Day – Pip and Posey • Spot – On the farm • What the Ladybird Heard 	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivers Vegetables • Jack and the beanstalk • Bluey – Easter • We’re going on an egg hunt • Baby animals board book 	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hungry Caterpillar • Superworm • Life cycles • Spinderella 	<u>Supporting Text:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing a shell • At the Beach • What the ladybird heard at the seaside • Singing Mermaid • Pepper Pig – visits the hospital • Pepper Pig – Fire engine • Topsy and Tim visit the Doctor