

At Acorns Nursery, we firmly believe that a child learns best through child-initiated play where they can build important life skills such as curiosity, concentration, creativity, problem solving, use of their imagination and persistence through purposeful play experiences. Although we follow the child's lead and recognise each child's different starting points, below are some of the key aspects of a child's development that we would be encouraging through this play.

Mathematics

- To recite number names to 10 through the use of chanting, songs and stories.
- To recognise shapes in their home, school and local environments

Physical Development

- To be able to put their own coat on.
- To go to the toilet independently (to be fully potty trained)
- To explore climbing apparatus.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- To gain independence to self-choose activities they wish to play with.
- To tidy up their activities when they have finished.
- To build positive friendships with new peers.

Literacy

- To join in and enjoy simple stories and rhymes.
- To enjoy mark making experiences and give meaning to their marks, commenting on what they have drawn or 'written'.

Communication and Language

- To listen to and discuss stories regularly.
- To follow simple instructions.
- To talk about what/ who they are playing with.

Expressive Arts & Design

- To explore different sounds through singing and using instruments.
- To join in with imaginative role-play.

Understanding of the world

- To remember and talk about special times shared with friends and families.
- To explore their local environments, discussing plants and animals that they see.

We hope our theme web supports you in encouraging your child's learning at home too. Although we have shared this information under Autumn, I'm sure you understand that the above would continue throughout the year.

Thank you,
The Nursery Team