

Acorns Nursery - Spring 2018/19



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 know numbers identify how many objects are in a set.
- To begin to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures.
- To show an awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment.

Physical Development

- To use one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. make snips in paper with child scissors.
- To observe the effects of activity on their bodies

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- To play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas, e.g. building up a role-play activity with other children.
- To begin to accept the needs of others and take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others.

Literacy

- To give meanings to marks that they see in different places e.g. Logos on cereal boxes.
- To show awareness of rhyme and alliteration.
- To begin to be aware of the way stories are structured.
- To suggest how the story might end.

Communication and Language

- To begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.
- To question why things happen and give explanations
- To use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).

Expressive Arts & Design

- To engage in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences.
- To use available resources to create props to support role-play.
- To capture experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.

Understanding of the world

- To know some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.
- To talk about why things happen and how things work.
- To develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

We hope our web supports you in encouraging your child's learning at home too.

Thank you,
The Nursery Team