

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to listen attentively to stories, instructions and each other. They will take part in group discussions, share their ideas during circle time, and begin to express their thoughts and feelings with increasing confidence. Activities such as storytelling, singing rhymes and role play will help them develop new vocabulary and conversational skills. We will use the CHATTA storytelling approach encouraging short responses, repetition, and modelling language to help extend speaking and listening skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to build positive relationships, helping the children to manage their feelings, and develop greater independence in their play and daily routines. They will be encouraged to take part in activities that promote sharing, cooperation, and self-confidence. We will also be using strategies from the Good Morning Club to support emotional wellbeing, helping children to start the day positively, recognise and manage their feelings, and build confidence and resilience in their interactions with others.

Physical Development

The children will develop their physical skills through a range of indoor and outdoor activities that encourage movement, coordination, and control. They will practise running, jumping, climbing, balancing, and negotiating space safely while building confidence in their gross motor skills. Fine motor development will be supported through activities such as threading, cutting, mark making, playdough, painting, and using a variety of tools and construction materials to strengthen hand muscles and improve control. The children will also learn about healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating, and self-care routines.

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The children will begin to explore different beliefs, celebrations, and special traditions through stories, discussions, songs, and creative activities. They will learn about similarities and differences between themselves and others, developing respect and understanding for different cultures and religions. Through circle times and shared experiences, the children will talk about special people, places, and celebrations that are important to them and their families, while learning values such as kindness, caring, sharing, and belonging.

Acorn Class Learning Journey



Summer Term 2026

Mathematics

This term, the children will be provided with a variety of opportunities to further develop their understanding of subitising – recognising groups of numbers without counting. We will also focus on number recognition beyond 5, simple number sequencing, and exploring different ways numbers can be represented through objects, pictures, and practical activities. Through hands-on play, counting games, and everyday experiences, the children will build confidence in using numbers, and develop a deeper understanding of early mathematical concepts.

Literacy

We will develop our focus and concentration skills by listening carefully and joining in with stories, discussions, and group activities. We will sing and recite a range of nursery rhymes, action songs, and short poems to help build confidence, memory, and language skills. The children will develop their listening and attention skills as

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will enjoy exploring a range of construction materials, investigating how different resources can be pulled apart, connected, assembled and rebuilt. They will look closely at familiar objects and discuss how they have been made, making independent choices about the materials and tools they want to use. Using junk

Understanding the World

We will explore the wonderful world of mini beasts through stories, investigations, and hands-on experiences. We will read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and learn about life cycles, change, and growth. The children will observe caterpillars closely as we grow our own butterflies, helping them develop curiosity and an understanding of how living things

<p>they tune in to different sounds in both the indoor and outdoor environment, identifying familiar noises and responding to musical instruments, environmental sounds, and rhythm patterns. We will also encourage the children to take turns in conversations, follow simple instructions, and express their own ideas and experiences with increasing confidence.</p>	<p>modelling resources, the children will create simple models with a purpose in mind, linked to stories, topics and imaginative play. They will also experiment with different ways of joining materials together, including tape, glue, string and pipe cleaners, and proudly share and use their creations during play with others.</p>	<p>change and grow. Through the story and related activities, the children will also be immersed in the topic of food, learning the names and categories of different foods while developing vocabulary linked to healthy and unhealthy choices. They will talk about foods the caterpillar eats, sort foods into groups, and discuss how healthy foods help us grow strong and stay healthy.</p>
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