

Stories we will be exploring include:

Snow (Sam Usher)
Here We Are - Oliver Jeffers
David Attenborough & Greta Thunberg (Little People, Big Dreams)
Tidy & Bothered By Bugs - Emily Gravett
Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Traditional/Fairy Tale)

English

Writing:

As writers, we will use our phonic knowledge to spell words by identifying the sounds in them. We will also begin to practice spelling high frequency (tricky) words.
We will be given a wide range of exciting writing opportunities - for example we will write a list of things we might take into space. Throughout the classroom there will be opportunities to practice writing independently. .

Supersonic Phonic Friends:

We will continue our phonics journey by learning 'The Basics Set 3'.



Acorns Class



**Spring 1
Our Planet**

How can we take care of our planet?

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills:

During our P.E lessons we will be developing our ball and racquet skills. As athletes, we will travel around space in different ways. We will learn to throw a ball using the under arm technique and practice catching with two hands. Next we will learn to hold a racquet correctly and will use the racquet to balance, roll and hit the ball.

Fine Motor Skills:

Opportunities for fine motor skill development will be present throughout our classroom. During our Magic Mover lessons we will practice our number formation, practice using a knife and fork by cutting playdough and take increasing care when drawing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

HeartSmart:

This term's HeartSmart topic, "Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!", will encourage children to understand the importance of empathy, gratitude, and kindness. Activities will include discussing families, exploring feelings, and learning ways to show appreciation for others.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists, we will develop our scissor skills by creating paper penguins when learning about Winter. We will explore the art work of artists who work with natural materials, such as Andy Goldsworthy. We will create our own masterpieces using natural materials.

During our Topic lessons we will share Burns night poems and listen to bagpipe music.

Communication and Language

Storytelling and Retelling

We will read the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

This will be acted out and discussed, focusing on story sequencing, rhyming, and prepositions. Children will retell familiar bear stories using props and puppets, building a bear-themed small world for imaginative play.

Mathematics

Shape, Space and Measure

As mathematicians, we will compare mass and notice balances. We will explore capacity and ask questions such as 'which container holds more?' We will investigate 3D shapes, learning their names and recognising them in our environment. We will revisit patterns, this time copy and continuing more complex patterns.

Number

We will explore numbers 1- 5 using our subitising skills and finding one more and one less. Next, we will investigate the composition of 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. We will learn about odd and even numbers and finally we will begin to notice doubles.

Understanding the World

The Natural World

Through our English lessons we will explore the lives and impact of environmental champions, such as David Attenborough. During topic lessons we will learn about recycling.

We will think about our own environment and how we can make better choices for the planet. We will develop our understanding of Space, learning about the other planets and how they are different to our own.

People and Communities

During our topic lessons we will explore important dates in the calendar, such as Burns Night and Valentines Day. We will learn about how and why people might celebrate those occasions.