Acorn Year N - Autumn Term 2026 Overview

CUSP Literacy and Topic

We will be reading a range of CUSP titles based upon the children's interests – please look at our Google Classroom page on a weekly basis to find out more information about this. Our topic-based learning for foundation subjects (Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Literacy) will stem from CUSP texts.

This term, our overall topic will be '**Marvellous Me'**. We will be talking about what makes us special and looking at our similarities and differences. The children will be using different media to make self-portraits.
We will also share baby photos and talk about how we have changed over time.

There will also be times that we will use non-CUSP texts or other stimuli and focus our learning on these in order to work from the children's interests. We update our Google Classroom page every Thursday.

Maths – Herts Essential Planning

We will be making comparisons of objects and quantities. The children will be encouraged to notice similarities and differences and use comparative language, including more, less, equal, bigger, smaller, longer, shorter and taller. We will start by organising objects by shape, colour or texture and eventually order objects of decreasing and increasing amounts. We will be using ten frames to organize our objects to help us know what and how to count.

Google Classroom

Please look at our Google Class page weekly to view on-going work we are undertaking in class.

We also use this as a space to share messages, upload video links and give hints and tips to help your child get the best out of their learning experience.

It is hugely important that you access this on a weekly basis – a weekly alarm on your phone can be a good way to remind yourself!

2/9 – 11/9	Settling in weeks
14/9	Phonics – Rhyme Time – Incy Wincy Spider
21/9	Phonics – Rhyme Time – The Grand Old Duke of York
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5/10	Phonics – Rhyme Time – Baa Baa Black Sheep
12/10	Phonics – Rhyme Time – The Wheels on the Bus
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2/11	Phonics – s Rhyme Time – Twinkle Twinkle *Diwali and Bonfire Night*
9/11	Phonics – a Rhyme Time – Humpty Dumpty
16/11	Phonics – t Rhyme Time – Row, Row, Row Your Boat
23/11	Phonics – p Rhyme Time – Down at the Station *Christmas production practice*
30/11	Phonics – i Rhyme Time – A Sailor Went to Sea *Christmas production practice*
8/12	Phonics – n *Christmas production* *Hannukah*
15/12	Phonics – m End of term 18/12 @ 1:30pm

Physical Development

Each morning, we will be developing our fine motor skills with fun and engaging activities. We will be practicing gross motor movements daily, experiencing moving up, down, jumping, hoping, wiggling and crawling. We will also be learning how to use the climbing equipment in the garden in a safe and sensible manner.

Music – Rhyme Time / Nativity

We will be learning a new nursery rhyme each week as part of our phonics program.

As we move into Autumn 2, we will be concentrating on learning songs for our Christmas play.

Useful Information

- We like to ensure that we celebrate all of the important times in your children's lives.
  Please do let us know if your child is celebrating a significant event. If you would like to, we would love for you to come and share your knowledge and experiences with the class!
- Evidence Me observations will be released half-termly. Please do share your child's learning by creating a Parent Postcard.
- Library day is Friday, and children are invited to change their books weekly. If your child misplaces a library book, please do let us know.
- A little reminder that we are here for you and your child. Please do speak to any of the Early Years team if you have any questions or concerns – we are here to help.

PSED – Jigsaw

In Autumn 1, our JIGSAW topic will be "Being me in my world". Here, we will be finding out about the rules and routines in Nursery.

We will also be focusing on getting to know one another and learning the importance of working together with kindness.

We will begin recognising and managing our feelings, identifying different ones and the causes these can have.

In Autumn 2, our topic will be "Celebrating Difference". We will talk about the things we are good at. We will think about the ways that we are the same or different to our friends.

We will also talk about our families, our homes and how to develop friendships.