



# Curriculum Information for Parents

Class: Acorns Term: Spring 2022



Learning	
Phonics	<p><b>Phonics</b> - This term the children in nursery will begin their Read Write Inc phonics journey with daily phonics activities. The children will be learning about the sound letters make. We will focus on set 1 sounds. Initially we will focus on one letter sound a week starting with the sounds for the letters <b><u>m, a, s, d, t</u></b></p> <p>The children will learn the letter sound and investigate words that start with the focus letter. They will also start to orally blend sounds to say a word. For example if I say m.. a.. t.. the children will begin to learn how to blend the sounds together to make the word. Alongside this the children will also begin to practise writing our letter of the week. This involves them learning a handwriting rhyme to say as they write the learn with the correct letter formation.</p> <p>Information will be put onto Dojo each week regarding that weeks focus letter. So make sure you look at Dojo starting next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January when the focus letter will be 'm'</p>
Maths	<p>We will practise reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers to 5 and beyond. We will select the correct number to match a quantity of objects. We will practise counting small groups and know that the last number reached is the total. We will talk about and identify patterns, E.g spots and stripes and we will begin to identify errors in repeated patterns. We will compare capacities using the terms full and empty and weight using heavy and light.</p>
Communication and language	<p>The children will be encouraged to retell traditional tales using story props. They will also be encouraged to talk about the characters; how they feel and behave, E.g Discuss how the 3 pigs felt leaving home, meeting the wolf.</p>
Physical Development	<p>We will begin to learn about healthy foods and prepare our own healthy snack linked to the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' We will build our own, (over, under) outdoor assault course linked to the story, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'</p>
Personal Social and Emotional Development	<p>We will explore different emotions and use the emotions display to help us identify feelings. We will develop vocabulary linked to emotions. We will talk about emotions linked to stories and consider how characters may feel, E.g How did the 3 bears feel when they saw that their porridge had been eaten?</p>
Understanding the World	<p>We will explore the key features of the life cycle of an animal linked to 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' and the life cycle of a plant through our focus book, 'The Tiny Seed' We will explore the suitability of different materials when making models linked to The 3 Billy Goats and The 3 Little Pigs.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>The children will be encouraged to show different emotions in drawings and paintings. They will explore colour mixing, e.g. through painting faces and portraits. They will build models using a range of resources to link to our focus stories, e.g. a house for the 3 pigs or a bridge for the 3 Billy goats.</p>

## Literacy

We will continue to listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.

### Focus Books:

#### Spring 1 - Traditional Tales

e.g Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and The Bean stalk, 3 Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, 3 Billy Goats Gruff

#### Spring 2 - Growth and

Change - The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Lucas the Plainest Caterpillar, We're Going On A Bear Hunt, We're Going on an Easter Hunt, The Tiny Seed, The Giant Turnip

## Term Dates

**Spring Term 1 begins**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Break Up for February Half Term**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Inset Day**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Spring Term 2 begins**  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Break Up for Easter**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Summer Term 1 begins**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Homework and Class News.

Remember to check Dojo on Mondays for our sound of the week and other homework information and class news.

You can also message us through Dojo or speak to us at the gate.

Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Rogan