



## Year 1/2 Acorns Curriculum Overview – Spring 1

### Literacy

In English, we will continue to work on forming lower-case and capital letters correctly and orally compose fully formed sentences. We will continue to learn new sounds daily in our phonics sessions – we are now learning digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound.) We will then use all of the sounds we know in our writing. We will continue to explore a range of stories and non-fiction books, create story maps to retell familiar tales as well as discovering and using new vocabulary.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to express their emotions by linking feelings with body language and developing appropriate vocabulary. Children will talk about their learning and play, developing problem-solving skills and evaluating their own learning. We will explore interactive stories to help children explore emotions, actions, consequences, and how characters overcome difficulties, developing empathy and an understanding of how their choices can positively or negatively affect others.

### Physical Development

Children will continue to develop their physical skills through engaging activities that build strength, coordination, and control such as obstacle courses and movement challenges which encourage a wide range of movements, including changes in speed, direction, height, and precision. Alongside this, we will continue our daily fine motor practice to support early writing skills, with repeated opportunities to form letters linked to taught graphemes using a range of writing equipment to develop confidence and accuracy.



### Expressive Arts and Design

Children develop their creativity and expressive skills through a wide range of art, music, drama, and imaginative play experiences. They will learn to create increasingly detailed drawings, sculptures, and collages using everyday materials to build 3D structures inspired by their local area and beyond. Children will listen and respond to music from different cultures, sharing their thoughts and feelings and developing storylines in their pretend play.

### How to get involved at home

- Support your child to read their reading book each week and record this in their reading record. Read it multiple times to support your child to develop their fluency.
- Encourage your child to choose books that interest them.
- Practise counting, encouraging your child to point, move or touch items as they are counted.
- Practise oral blending e.g. I can see a c-a-t
- Encourage your child's curiosity
- Support your child to practise their tricky words and phonics at home.

### Maths

Children will continue to explore mathematical language and reasoning through practical, play-based experiences. They will explore numbers from 0 to 8 through finding, representing, subitising, comparing, and composing numbers, using visual models such as five and ten frames, dice patterns, and part-whole representations. Games and everyday routines encourage problem-solving, counting, comparing quantities, and using vocabulary such as more than, less than, equal to, odd and even. Children will also investigate mass, capacity, length, height, and time by making comparisons, predictions, and measurements during hands-on activities, both indoors and outdoors, helping them to apply maths meaningfully across the day.

### Understanding the World

Children will explore celebrations and special events from different cultures and communities. They will discover how occasions such as Lunar New Year, Holi, Valentine's Day, and Easter are celebrated, both in school and beyond, through stories, discussions, and shared experiences. Exploring different cultural background will help children understand the importance of special places and traditions, fostering curiosity, respect, and appreciation for diversity within their community. Children will explore the season of winter by observing changes in the weather, environment, and daily life. Through first-hand experiences, discussions, and creative activities, they will learn about seasonal features such as colder temperatures, winter clothing, and changes in plants and animals, helping them to develop curiosity and an understanding of the natural world.