



BYRON WOOD ACADEMY

Astrea Academy Trust

INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery)

Welcome to Acorn Class

Introduction

We would like to welcome both you and your child to the Foundation Stage at Byron Wood Academy. Here at Byron Wood Academy our Nursery children are known as Acorn Class.

Session times for Acorn (Nursery) are:

8.30am to 11.30am (morning sessions only in September 2024)

12.10pm to 3.10pm

At Byron Wood Academy we aim to ensure all children in Foundation Stage achieve their full potential through purposeful indoor and outdoor learning.

How your child will learn

We want your child to be a happy, confident learner in our setting. We believe the best way we can achieve this is through planned, purposeful play opportunities in a happy, safe and organised environment which encourages them to be independent in their play. Young children learn through play and through interaction with adults.

Your child will learn in a variety of ways:

- Through teacher lead whole class activities on the carpet.
- By engaging in adult led small group activities
- Through 'plan, learn, review'. This is where your child will learn independently by deciding where they want to play and explore, and then talk about what they have achieved.



Links with Oak Class

The Nursery team is:

Miss Regan – Nursery Teacher

Miss Pisano - Teaching Assistant

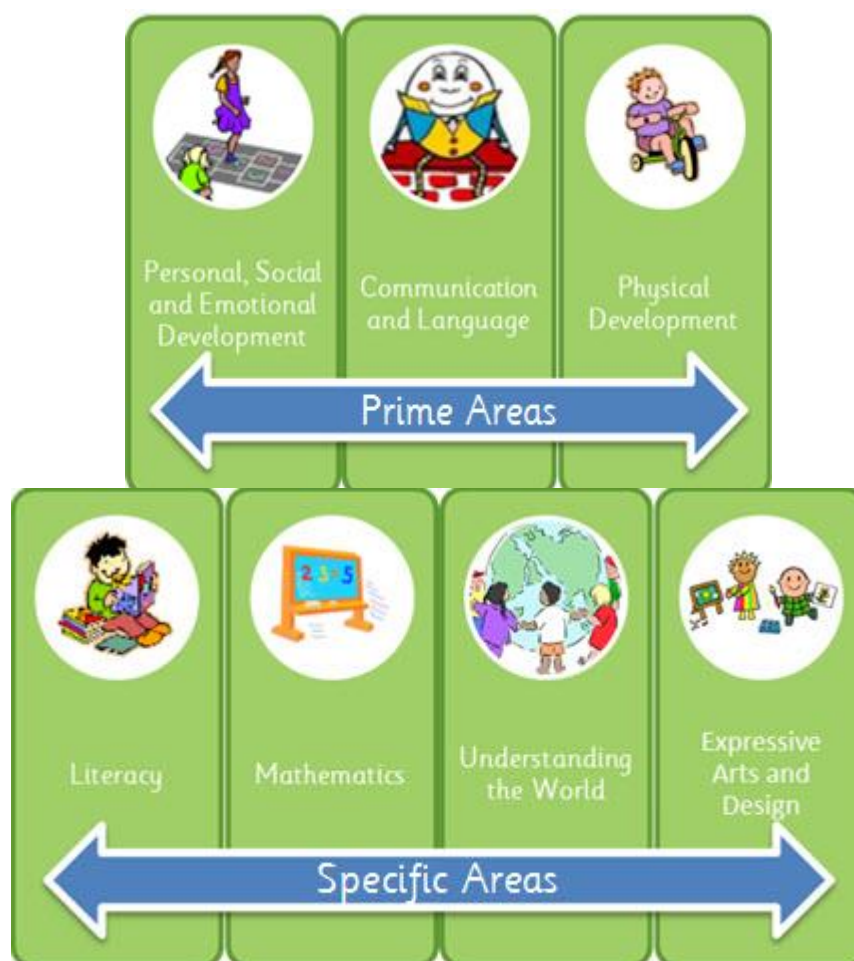
Miss Layne – HLTA

Mrs Walton – Early Years Leader and Reception Teacher

The EYFS Curriculum

The statutory curriculum we follow is the The Early Years Foundation Stage (**EYFS**) framework. The EYFS framework sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old and is play-based. The EYFS Framework is made up of seven areas of learning and each area is levelled in months according to the age of the children.

We provide a wide range of experiences and well planned activities so that your child will develop across all areas of learning. They are split into prime and specific areas.



Assessment

We assess your child's development from the beginning of Nursery and throughout the Foundation Stage. Assessments take place daily in the classroom, both indoors and outdoors.

What do the assessments consist of?

These assessments are in the form of observations. We observe your child whilst they play to record their learning and development. We record observations onto our system and in their learning journals.

Parental Involvement

We know that your child's development at home is just as important as their learning in school. You can contribute to the assessments of your child's learning by:

- Bringing in any pictures/writing your child has done at home so it can be displayed in the classroom.
- Tell us about something they have done that has made you and themselves proud.
- Reading to them every night. You can borrow a book from our Acorn library.
- Attending parent consultation evenings to discuss your child's progress.



Snack

Your child will be provided with a daily healthy snack which may consist of a piece of fruit/vegetable, toast, breadstick or cracker along with a drink of milk/water.

Important: Please do not allow your child to bring snacks from home with your child, as there may be children with allergies within the classroom.

Preparing your child for school

We are very excited for your little one to start school with us. You can help to prepare your child by:

- Encouraging your child to put on and take off their coat.
- Encouraging your child to be independent when using the toilet.
- Sharing books about school and encouraging them to talk about the pictures.
- Playing games to encourage sharing and turn taking skills.
- Providing resources such as chalk and pens so they can explore 'mark making' at home.

Uniform

At Byron Wood Academy, nursery children are required to wear a uniform, which can be purchased from local supermarkets.

Girl's uniform:

- Navy blue cardigan/jumper - plain/academy logo on the front
- White polo shirt - plain/academy logo on the front
- Dark grey pinafore, trousers or skirt
- Black shoes
- Green gingham dress (Summer)

Boy's Uniform

- Navy blue jumper - plain/academy logo on the front
- White polo shirt - plain/academy logo on the front
- Dark grey trousers or shorts (Summer)
- Black shoes

Useful information

Your child should attend school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is ill, please inform the school on 0114 2723624. Absence may also be reported on the school App.

Please ensure anyone collecting your child from school is familiar with the password you have provided. We would prefer children to be collected by an adult; however, with parental consent, young adults aged 16 and above are able to collect.

Sometimes toilet accidents happen at school or we may get messy whilst playing. Please provide your child with a spare set of clothes (this doesn't need to be uniform) in a bag which can be hung on their peg.

Some of our learning will take place outdoors so please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.



Visits

Starting nursery can be a big step for a young child, therefore at Byron Wood we offer settling in visits to suit your child's needs. These enable your child to become familiar with the adults and children in nursery before their official start date and offer you the reassurance that your child is happy and settled before they are left for the whole session.

A phased entry will provide time for the staff to get to know your child and to determine whether nursery can meet your child's needs. Within this time, we will monitor how your child accesses the resources within the setting and how they interact with others. On occasions, we may feel that your child could benefit from extra support. There are many ways that we are able to cater for this, including suggesting a referral to other services. We would always discuss this with you first and explain the way in which we feel this would be beneficial.

On your child's first day, we ask that you wait in reception for at least 15 minutes, to ensure that your child is happy and settled. If your child settles well, we will inform you and you will be able to leave them at nursery for the rest of the session. If your child finds it difficult to settle initially, we will work together to determine the most suitable way forward, often by gradually introducing your child to nursery.