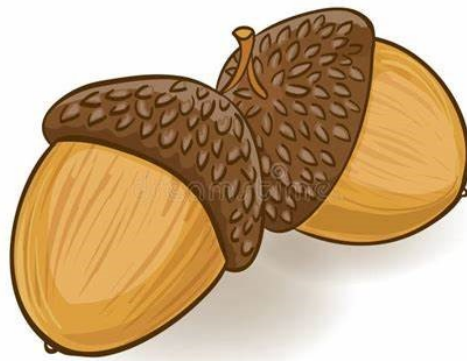




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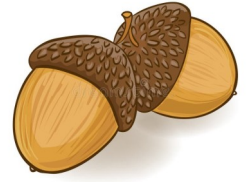


Nursery Unit

Information for Parents



Meet the



Little Acorns Team



Mrs S Taylor

Nursery Teacher



Miss G Savage

Teaching Assistant



Miss V Dunn

Teaching Assistant

Sessions Available

8.45 - 11.45 AM

Morning Session

12.30 - 3.30 PM

Afternoon Session

Parent Partners

Stay and Play sessions.

Every term we hold a nursery 'Stay and Play' session. These sessions are lovely opportunities for you to come and work with your child. There are a wide range of activities for you to take part in.



Book Club



If your child would like to join our book club they will be able to bring in money (from 10p to £1). This will be transferred into stamps in their special savings card. At the end of each half term, the children will be able to spend their stamps to buy new books at discounted prices. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team.

Snack Time



Children will receive fruit and milk on a daily basis.



Preparing and tasting other food and snacks will happen throughout the year as part of the curriculum.

Nursery fund is £1 per week and can be paid on your child's first session of the week. This money will be used for a range of exciting activities throughout the year.

Allergies

All food prepared in nursery is in accordance with food hygiene standards. All potential allergens in regular snacks are documented and recorded on a daily basis.

Please keep staff informed of any other allergy your child may have, (Please do not include foods your child does not like).

What's Happening.-



Newsletter

Each half term, you will be given information about the curriculum your child will be following in nursery. You will also receive regular news letters from school with important information and key dates. Please sign up for ParentMail to receive this information.

Christmas Time

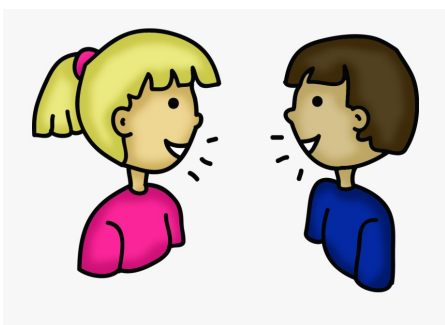
Christmas is a very exciting time in nursery. We have a Christmas party, Christmas jumper day and even a visit from Santa!.



Parents Day

Each term, there will be opportunity to chat to staff about your child's progress.

Appointments will be sent out closer t the time.



Other Events

Throughout the year we provide a range of other experiences for your child such as trips, visits and visitors. As well as this, we hold events in school which you will be invited to such as coffee mornings/ afternoons. You will be kept informed of all dates.



Uniform



Uniform is available to order directly from school. (Please see sheet in pack).

Children wear a red jumper or cardigan, grey skirt or trousers and a white polo shirt.

While in nursery, children may wear black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms. This can be helpful particularly if they are still toilet training.

Footwear needs to reflect the weather, as children will be outside in all Seasons.

Please send a coat each day.

Items of clothing

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked inside their cardigans, sweatshirts and coats etc.



Outdoor Environment

Children have access to the garden every day. Young children especially love to work outside in the wind and rain. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Wellies, hat, gloves and a scarf for cold weather. Cap or sun hat and sun screen for hot sunny days.



A Typical Day In Little Acorns

Morning Routine

8.45 - 9.00am

Children come into nursery and settle with their key worker.

9.00am - 10.15am

Play to learn time, accessing areas of indoor the nursery.

10.15am– 10.30am

Hello song and carpet time activity.

10.30 - 10.45am

Tidy time and snack time.

10.45am-11.25am

Outdoor play.

11.30am - 11.45am

End of session and home time.

Afternoon Nursery Routine

12.30 - 12.45pm

Children come into nursery and settle with their key worker.

12.45pm - 2.00pm

Play to learn time, accessing areas of indoor nursery.

2.00pm - 2.15pm

Hello song and carpet time activity.

2.15pm - 2.30pm

Tidy time and snack time.

2.30pm - 3.10pm

Outdoor play.

3.15pm - 3.30pm

End of session and home time.

Working in nursery



Why is outdoor play so important?

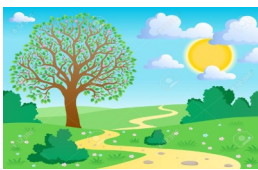
During your child's time in Nursery you may notice that we take the children outside as often as possible.

We feel this is an important part of their nursery experience for the following reasons :

- ♦ Many children prefer playing outside and as a result they may show greater levels of concentration and motivation when learning new skills and concepts across the whole curriculum.
- ♦ Young children learn by being physically active and the outside environment allows greater pace and freedom to do this.

All children aged two to five are working within the national guidance of the new Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This guidance clearly emphasises the importance of outdoor play. It says the nurseries should :

- ♦ Plan a learning environment indoors and outdoors.
- ♦ Plan play activities both indoors and outdoors.
- ♦ Plan space indoors and outdoors for appropriate challenges.



We aim to offer activities cover all areas of the curriculum that build upon and extend the learning taking place outdoors. For example, If the children have read a story indoors, they may have the chance to act it out using props when outside. If they have been counting groups of objects inside, they could count and compare the number of skittles knocked over outside.



We will endeavour to take the children outdoors as often and possible and in all types of weather. It would be great assistance if you could make sure that your child comes to nursery dressed suitably for the weather conditions each day. We also ask that they wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor activities such as climbing, scrambling, gardening and painting. Donations of outdoor clothing, wellies etc. are gratefully received. Thank you for supporting us with our outdoor play.

