

Theme Overview

"Tell us a story!" is a thematic unit which will focus on the key skill of listening to others whilst exploring famous stories and fairy tales. The topic looks at characters and their emotions, as well as allowing children to expand their imagination and be creative in creating their own stories. During our exploration of the theme, we will also look at similarities and differences between our lives and the lives of those in the books we read.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Personal, Social and Emotional Development allows us to explore our emotions and supports us to manage our feelings. We will focus on our transition in to reception and how we can manage emotions when faced with new challenges. We will be exploring our school community, our uniform and working as a team.

Communication and Language

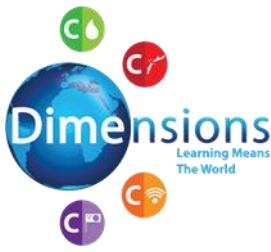
Our Communication and Language this term will focus on us using new vocabulary related to school, our homes and those around us. We will look at how others communicate and begin to learn some basic Makaton. With the help of stories and songs, we will begin to grow our confidence and find our voices.

Physical Development

Our PE units this term are Basketball and Orienteering. Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. As well as our set PE days, we will also be encouraging gross motor skills outside during our Busy Acorn Time and in class sessions. We will be using our senses to guide us through obstacle courses and will be exploring balancing on a beam as well as using the bikes in our outdoor area. We will also have regular 'Write Dance' and 'Dough Disco' sessions.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on growing our fine motor skills, which help to strengthen our hand muscles to ensure we are ready for writing. Each morning, we have 'Busy Hand' activities set up for the Acorns to use which include threading, cutting, using tweezers and other resources such as Lego and interlocking cubes. We will begin our Phonics learning in week 2 and begin to practice writing our letters in sand, shaving foam, glitter and large scale using chalk and ribbons. Our phonics will also help us to hear initial sounds and support Acorns to access the building blocks needed to read.



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Maths

In Maths this term, we will be exploring the numbers 1,2 and 3 through a variety of methods. Our focus will be 'subitising' in which we encourage the Acorns to 'look' at the dots instead of counting and we will then build up our speed in this skill! We will also look at matching objects and pictures as well as finding the right amount of items for 1,2 and 3.

Understanding the World

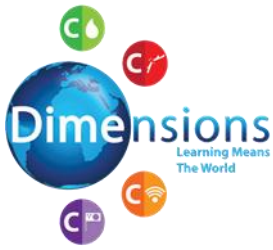
In Understanding the World this term, we will be learning about familiar stories and where they are set. We will talk about the lives and homes of characters and will compare these with our own. As we are new to the school, we will also be exploring school building and classes. In our Busy Acorn Time, we will also investigate and explore the seasonal change and discuss what happens when Autumn begins.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Expressive Arts and Design this term, we will be looking at self-portraits using mirrors to explore our facial features. As well as this, our learning will be tested by created scented paintings and using a variety of mediums to create art with texture. We will design and create our own characters as well as using known features to recreate characters from stories using a range of media.

RE

In RE this term, we are answering the big question: 'Why is God so important to Christians?' The Acorn children will be introduced to our RE puppets Tom and Tessa who support their learning throughout the year. We will learn about the creation story and how we can look after the world. Our learning will explore the animals, sky, sea and land and we will be completing activities which link to these areas of the creation story.



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