

Acorns Foundation Stage topic overview Summer “Minibeasts”

Development Matters - Literacy

Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.
Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.

Development Matters - Communication & Language

Listen carefully in different situations.
Learn new vocabulary and use it throughout the day.
Ask questions to find out more and check they understand what has been said to them. Speak in full sentences, connecting their ideas together.
Describe events in detail and use talk to work out problems and organise themselves and others. Listen to stories and discuss what they have heard.

Development Matters - Mathematics

Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-5 and some to 10.
Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.
Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can.

Some of what we'll be doing in Acorns

Reading stories with a nature theme such as *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle, *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson. Using these books to develop our role playing, understanding of story and characters and inspire the children to write their own stories. Going on bug hunts. Making bug houses. Learning about the habitats minibeasts live in and how they change with the seasons. Leaf rubbing. Painting symmetrical butterfly wings. Halving and quartering fruit. Fruit and vegetable printing. Making paper plate spider webs. Hole-punching leaves. Making small worlds based on minibeasts. Thinking about more healthy and less healthy foods. Making numbers to 10 with the ladybird dominoes. Using ladybird outlines to make doubles. Singing songs as a group. Making instruments and using them to accompany our dances. Investigate tooth care and good sleep. Discuss sensible screen time limits. Writing facts about minibeasts. Writing simple stories about bugs. Read as a class, in groups and 1:1. Practise number bonds to 10 inside and outside in lots of different ways. And lots, lots more!

Development Matters - Expressive arts and design

Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
Develop storylines in their pretend play.
Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

Development Matters - Understanding the world:

Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.
Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
Explore the natural world around them.
Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

Development Matters - Physical Development

Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.
Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.
Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.

Development Matters - Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing:
- toothbrushing - sensible amounts of 'screen time' - having a good sleep routine
Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.
Think about the perspectives of others.