

Routines

Term 1 in Acorn is all about establishing routines through songs, visuals and signing, focussing heavily on communication, friendships and developing social skills. These form the essential foundation for all future learning, relationships, and emotional well-being.

Maths



The whole of Term 1 is focussed on numbers, introducing numbers, counting and being able to recognise numbers 1-10. Key vocabulary is introduced using Makaton and widgit symbols to support new learning.

Phonics



In Acorn we follow phonic sounds, Level 1, phase 1. This term it is based on listening to sounds in the classroom and environment to familiarize the pupils with 'everyday sounds' both inside and outside the classroom

Some children go to a mainstream phonics group, based on their phonic ability.

Acorn Class - Knowledge Organizer – Term 1

Main text for the term: Stick Man



Stick Man is the story of a Stick Man who gets lost and tries to find his way back home. Along his journey, he meets lots of different people who help him. We will use *Stick Man* to explore the different people who help us in our everyday lives. We will talk about how **we all need help from time to time** and that it is important to listen to people who are there to keep us safe, healthy and well. The pupils will learn about different people who help us, including:

- **Doctors and nurses** – help us when we are ill or hurt.
- **Dentists** – help us look after our teeth.
- **Firefighters** – help keep us safe from fires and other emergencies.
- **Police officers** – help keep people safe and make sure we follow the law.
- **Vets** – help animals when they are sick or injured.
- **Teachers** – help us learn, grow and develop new skills.
- **Post people** – help deliver letters and parcels to our homes.
- **Mountain rescue teams** – help people who are lost, injured or in danger in the mountains.
- **Lifeboat crews** – help people who are in trouble at sea or in the water.

Through discussion, stories and activities, the pupils will recognise that **asking for help is okay**, that different people have different jobs, and that there are people we can turn to when we need help.

Foundation subjects/Functional skills Cooking, Life Skills, Music, Art,

In Acorn we foster a love of learning by practise our functional skills through embedding and enhancing routines, Fine and gross motor skills, sensory exploring, social skill work, creativity, independence, communication, learning through play.

Core Word of the week:



We plan to introduce the Core Word in the second full week of the term

We use 'Makaton With Lucinda' (You-Tube) to help with the Makaton signs and also 'core word boards' that are used to help the children identify the core words and their symbol (using Widgit)

w/b 7/9/26 – school

w/b 14/9/26 – now

w/b 21/9/26 – next

w/b 28/9/26 – Monday

w/b 5/10/26 – Tuesday

w/b 12/10/26 – Wednesday

w/b 19/10/26 - recap

Please find all of these songs on 'Makaton With Lucinda' (You-Tube).