

The Winchcombe School

July 2020

Foundation Stage 1 - Nursery

Acorns Teachers: Mrs Stock and Mrs Burton



How do we engage and develop our learners ?

- ▶ Child-initiated activities – children explore and choose their own activities, toys and resources.
- ▶ Teacher-directed activities and exploration – we have good ideas too for play!
- ▶ Established rules and routines – to keep safe and allow everyone to learn.
- ▶ Home/school partnership – so important – let's talk!



What should they wear?

- ▶ In Acorns you can choose to wear our school uniform or your own clothes.
- ▶ Whatever you decide please make sure they can manage their clothes. Leggings or joggers that can be easily pulled down and up are best to help stop toilet accidents!



Areas of Learning - Inside & Out

Our curriculum

Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal & Social Development	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts & Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and attention • Understanding • Speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving and handling • Health and self-care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self - confidence and self-awareness • Managing feelings and behaviour • Making relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number • Shape, space and measure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and communities • The World • Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring and using media and materials • Being imaginative



'Typical' Daily Learning



- ▶ 8.45 -Self registration and morning activities with parents.

- ▶ Carpet time-morning routines and songs
- ▶ Phonics games with adults
- ▶ Child-initiated Learning
- ▶ Maths fun with adults
- ▶ Carpet time- Inspire, Motivate and Celebrate
- ▶ Story time



- ▶ 12.00 – Arrival of afternoon children and lunch time / home time for morning session
- ▶ Please note we are a NUT FREE and HEALTHY EATING school, please make sure lunch boxes don't contain nuts and have healthy choices
- ▶ Afternoon session follows the morning session pattern with different activities/resources for those who are in all day
- ▶ 3.00 - Home time

Superstars

- ▶ We award a medal to our 'Star of the day' (please remember to return it the next day).
- ▶ 'Cheeky Monkey' and his diary will come home for the weekend at some point during the year. Please draw pictures or add photos to tell us what you did at the weekend. This gives your child the opportunity to talk to the whole class.
- ▶ These rewards are to encourage positive values and behaviour.



WOW moments

- ▶ You know when your child can suddenly do something or say something that surprises you or amazes you? That's a "Wow moment"
- ▶ We love to share these moments too so please let us know!



Every Child A Talker (ECAT)

- ▶ This is a programme to help children who are at risk of language delay to help them become better communicators and talkers. It is designed to afford opportunities to:
 - ▶ encourage talk
 - ▶ develop language
 - ▶ improve spoken grammar
 - ▶ increase vocabulary
 - ▶ help communication skills

Visitors and helpers

- ▶ We love having visitors!
- ▶ Do you have an interesting job? (hairdresser, nurse, vet, cleaner, postman, fire fighter, builder....)
- ▶ Do you have interesting pets?
- ▶ Do you have an interesting hobby?

If yes - please come in and see us and tell us all about it!

We also welcome helpers in school.

Regular help or now and again with school trips and outings.



Birthday celebrations

These are always important days for our little ones and we always like an excuse for a party!

Please feel free to send in a cake (but don't feel obliged to) and we will celebrate your child's special day.



Other Information

► Medication

- A permission slip must be completed if any prescribed medicine is to be given.
- Inhalers will be kept in the classroom.
- We are a nut free school so please remember this when you are making packed lunches.

► Snacks

- Children are provided with water or milk and fruit or vegetable snacks at school.

► Attendance

- Please inform the office of child illness.
- Attend the sessions you have requested.



Things you can do to get ready for school

- ▶ I can put my own coat and shoes on and off again.
- ▶ I can follow simple instructions.
- ▶ I can go to the toilet and wash my hands.
- ▶ I can listen to a story.



'Stay and play' and other visits to school

- ▶ We love to show our wonderful learning to parents and there are regular opportunities throughout the year for you to come in and see what we do in the Nursery class and to meet the teachers. 'Stay and play' is the Foundation equivalent of parents meetings.



Meet Mrs Stock



Hello! I'm Mrs Stock. I'm going to be one of your teachers in Acorns.

Just saying "hello" and hoping you're all really well.

Really looking forward to meeting you. I'm getting very excited about September when you're all due to start!

I like music, I like art, I like dancing, and I'm really looking forward to spending the next year with you!

Meet Mrs Burton



Hi! My name is Mrs Burton and I am going to be teaching in Acorns next year, which I'm very excited about.

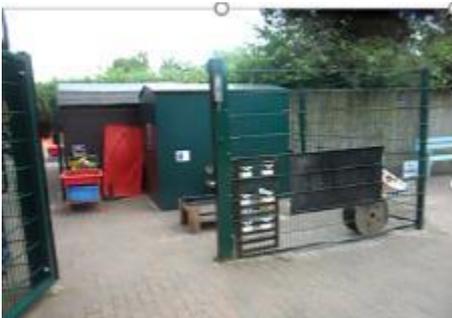
I can't wait to meet all of you!

I hope you have a lovely, lovely summer and I can't wait to meet you in September!

How to get to Acorns' classroom



From the main entrance, head towards Reception for the School Office. Still outside, turn right through the little gate...



then turn left and through the green gate towards the play area. 'Acorns' is the first classroom on the left just through this gate!



Take a look inside Acorns Classroom



Once inside, go over to the tree to find your name from the top and place it on the tree.



Through the door here to the right, are the toilets...



...and through the main door are the pegs



Queries and Questions

- ▶ If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us via the school office.
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We can't wait to meet you all!