Acorn Class
Autumn Two Curriculum Map

All Aboard!

Mathematical development

This half term we will explore size, mass, capacity and patterns, learning to describe and compare these using appropriate mathematical language. Our number focus will be on numbers 0–5, developing our understanding of number composition and early place value, identifying more and less, and ordering and comparing numbers within this range. We will also begin to explore a variety of 2D shapes, identifying and discussing their properties.

Communication and language development

This half term we will continue to build the children's confidence in speaking in front of others during circle time sessions and performing for an audience in our Christmas Nativity. We will also broaden the children's vocabulary through the use of 'Grandma Fantastic' during our writing sessions, encouraging them to explore and use new and exciting words in their own speaking and writing.

Expressive arts and design

This half term we will explore different materials and joining techniques to create junk-model vehicles. We will develop our drawing skills and use chalk to create firework pictures, exploring movement and sound. Our music focus is **'Voice'**, where children will practise pitch-matching and performing actions in time with music during our Christmas Nativity.

Reading and writing

This half term we will continue our Phase 2 phonics programme, learning new sounds and practising how to segment and blend. Children will apply their phonics knowledge to read short words made up of familiar letter-sound correspondences.
In writing, our non-fiction unit will be inspired by *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will explore the purpose and features of a postcard, and children will have opportunities to write their own postcards describing imaginary travels and adventures.

Physical development

This half term we will develop the children's ball skills, practising controlling, rolling, throwing, bouncing, kicking and catching. Children will refine their individual skills, play simple games and learn to work as part of a team.

Personal, social and emotional development

This half term we will continue to explore our feelings and emotions, developing our understanding of how we feel and how to express and manage our emotions appropriately. We will also begin to explore how to build positive relationships by talking about the people who are special to us, developing our skills in sharing and turn-taking, and celebrating our individual interests, similarities and differences.

Understanding the world

This half term we will explore transport, comparing different modes of transport, how they have changed over time and the materials used to make vehicles. We will investigate which materials are best for making boats, test how fast cars travel down a ramp and whose paper plane flies the furthest. We will also learn about road safety and carry out a traffic survey in our local area.
Our RE focus is 'Why is the word God important to Christians?' We will explore the Creation Story and discuss its meaning.