

Welcome to Acorn Pre-School



Applications

- ▶ 26 places available - full time takes priority
- ▶ 8.45-9am drop off and 3pm pick up (12pm for half days)
- ▶ 3 terms
- ▶ Children who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027
- ▶ Closing date for applications: 18th March
- ▶ Places will be allocated by 27th March
- ▶ For information regarding admissions, please visit the Acorn section of the website

Costs

- ▶ Every child is entitled to 15 hours of funding
- ▶ Some families may qualify for 30 hours
- ▶ Additional hours may be paid for at a cost of £8.50 per hour
- ▶ The cost of a hot lunch is £4.00 per day

Staff



Mrs Reed



Mrs Courtney



Mrs Wood



Miss Rose

Pre-School (FS1) Curriculum

[Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework.](#)

This is Statutory guidance and sets "the standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5."

"The EYFS framework sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well; to ensure children are kept healthy and safe and to ensure that children have the knowledge and skills they need to start school."

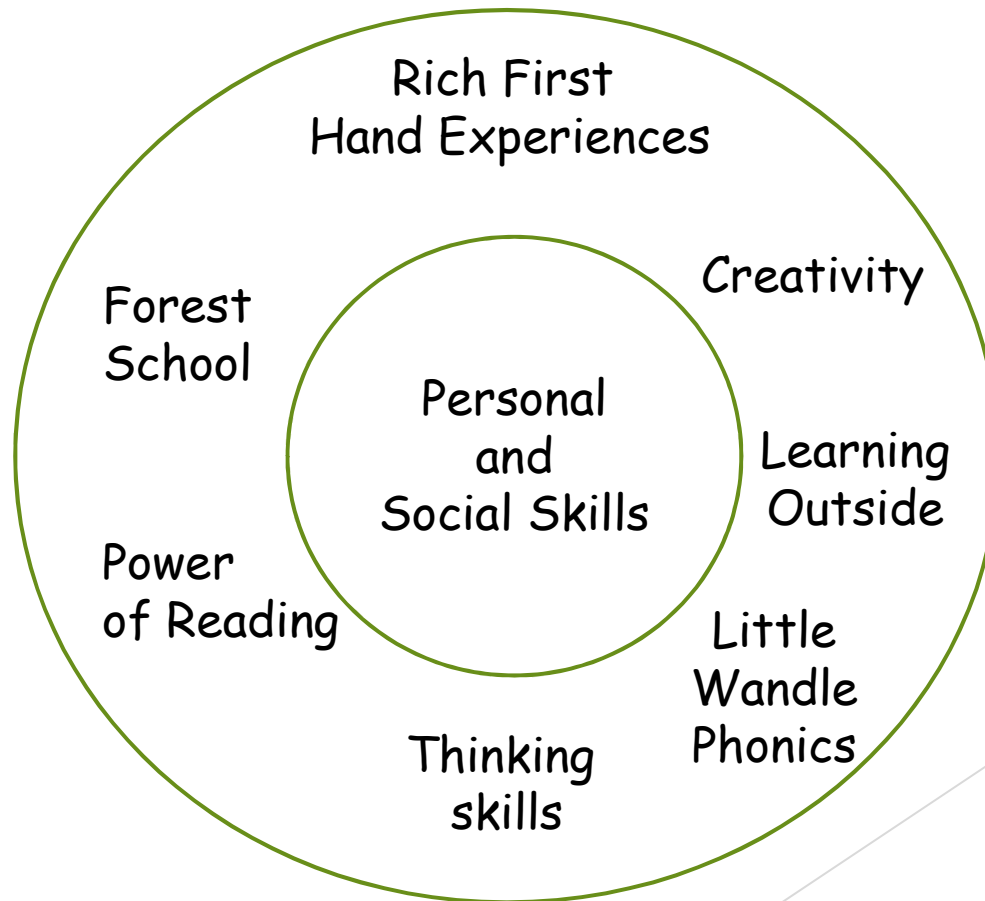
All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the Statutory guidance, including childminders, preschools, nurseries and school reception classes.

The EYFS framework supports an integrated approach to early learning and care. It gives all professionals a set of common principles and commitments to deliver quality early education and childcare experiences to all children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

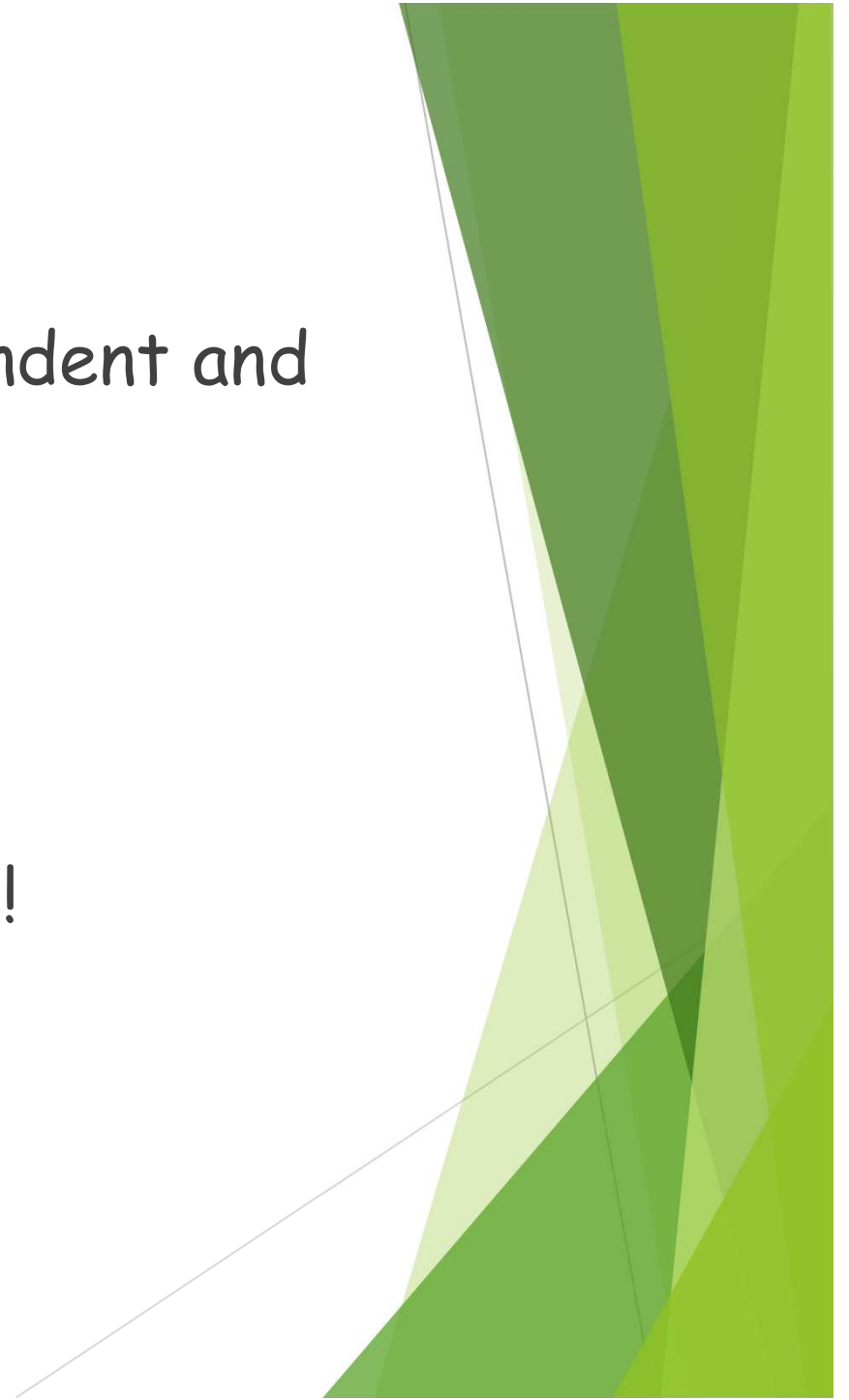
Acorn Pre-School Curriculum

Values and practices of FCVS Curriculum



A typical week

- ▶ Balance between independent and adult led activities
- ▶ Indoor/outdoor play
- ▶ Forest School
- ▶ Learning to learn skills
- ▶ Messy, practical and fun!



A Session in Acorn

- ▶ The children arrive and come in and self register by sticking up their photo.
- ▶ Free choice of activities inside and outside.
- ▶ Register as the whole group and a whole group activity on the carpet.
- ▶ Back to free choice as well as focused activities with an adult both inside and outside. During this time the children are offered a snack.
- ▶ Tidy up and get ready for lunch.
- ▶ After lunch, there is another group time - phonics and rhyme time.
- ▶ Free choice of activities inside and outside.
- ▶ Story, singing and getting ready to go home.

A Session in Acorn

Inside Environment

- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Fine motor
- ▶ Creative
- ▶ Model making
- ▶ Roleplay
- ▶ Small world
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Book corner

Outside Environment

- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Physical developing gross motor skills
- ▶ Creative
- ▶ Roleplay
- ▶ Small world
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Story tent

A Session in Acorn

- ▶ Counting buttons inside



- ▶ Aiming for a target number recognition outside



Learning Outside



Learning Outside



Learning inside Painting Planets



Learning inside Making "Space Tortillas"



Part of FCVS



Balanceability



Balanceability

- ▶ In the Spring term there will be an opportunity for all the pre-school children to take part in a Level 1 six week balance ability course.
- ▶ Level 1 is aimed at children aged 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 years old.
- ▶ It focuses on movement patterns, gross motor skills and dynamic balance using a balance bike.
- ▶ Children learn how to pick up, manoeuvre, mount and dismount their bikes and then learn the skills to ride a balance bike safely.
- ▶ Children are then able to transition to riding a pedal bike in a safe, rewarding manner and are set on the way to enhancing their physical literacy.

What is Forest School?

- ▶ Personal and Social Education
(teamwork, resilience, self esteem)
- ▶ Play outside and learn about the environment
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ On Site - secure fenced area of woodland

Who runs Forest School?

Mrs Northwood

Fully trained Forest School practitioners (level 3)



Isn't it too cold?



No such thing as bad weather
only bad clothing

Why is it good?



Awe and wonder
Opportunity to learn through nature
Team building
Resilience

Timeline

Application by 18th March



Letter offering a place by 27th March



Stay and Play Session



Home visit



Start date