



Autumn Term 2022

How we spend our time in Acorns

At Acorns, we plan fun and exciting activities which the children can engage in each day. Activities are planned around children's interests and ideas, stories and special themes and events such as Book Week, Fathers' day, cultural and religious festivals. Children choose the activities they want to participate in, as well as being able to self-select arts and crafts, games and puzzles available every day.

Here are some of the activities they have enjoyed this term:

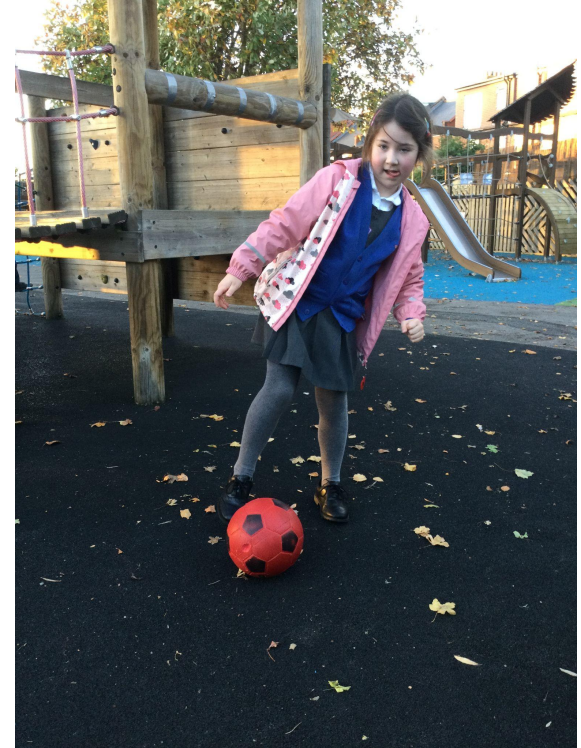
Outdoor Play

At Burlington, we know outside play is essential for children's development, both physically and emotionally. Children learn to take risks in a controlled and supportive environment, and gain confidence and resilience while at play.



Active play outdoors is essential for all children. At Acorns, the staff make sure that all children have access to the outdoor play areas every day (unless it is very wet!).

Fun outdoors, playing hide and seek!



Active Play

When weather prevents us from getting outside, we find other ways to stay active. The parachute is a favourite activity for children at Acorns. It allows children of all ages to join in and work together to explore different ways of 'travelling' (moving), while developing gross motor skills.

Children 'crawl' or 'slide' 'over' or 'under' the parachute, following instructions and directions while learning prepositions!



Creative Play

Children engage in a range of arts and crafts activities at Acorns. There is always the option of free choice, as well as activities based around themes and projects that the staff lead children to take part in.



Arts and crafts include the use of different media such as modelling clay and play dough. While the children enjoy rolling, pinching, squeezing, patting the clay into shape, they are also strengthening the essential fine motor skills that they need to develop greater handwriting control!



Remembrance day poppies



Autumnal art



Friendships and Collaborative Play

Team work! Children learn to work together and make new friends at Acorns, often outside of their class. Through play, our children learn and model important social skills such as turn taking, negotiating and leadership.



Supportive Adults

Acorns staff encourage children to follow their own interests and offer a range of activities to engage boys and girls of all ages. Children self-select what they would like to do from the activities on offer or request additional toys and games from our games cupboards. Children's ideas are also taken into consideration when planning for the week ahead.



Play leaders at Acorns are great at developing relationships with children. They do this in a range of ways including joining in with children's play, modelling good choices, following rules, demonstrating and supporting new skills.



Tea Time at Acorns

Following feedback in the July parent survey, we've worked with Radish, our caterers, to ensure meal options are varied and avoid duplication with what is served for lunch. We have also ensured more fresh vegetables / salad are on offer.



Thank you for all your support



We've really enjoyed having your children with us in Acorns this term! We wish you all a fun-filled festive break and look forward to seeing you back with us in 2023!