

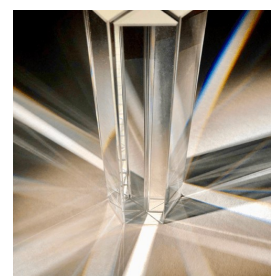
ACORNS CLASS—SUMMER ONE

Sunshine and Sunflowers



This seasonal project provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches children how to care for plants and animals and how to stay safe in the sun.

Shadows and Reflections



This project teaches children about natural phenomena, including shadows, reflections and echoes.

Memorable Starter: exploring our outdoor environment and looking at the various flora and fauna we can see in the school grounds.

Innovate Challenge: planning a picnic.

Personal, social and emotional development

Sun safety helps children develop important life skills like self-regulation and managing themselves. By learning to apply sunscreen, wear hats, and seek shade, they practice controlling their actions and making safe choices independently. Managing themselves becomes part of their routine, as they remember to stay hydrated and take breaks from the sun.

Maths

As children progress toward reaching the expected level by the end of the year, their understanding of number and numerical patterns becomes more secure and flexible. They confidently count, recognise numbers, and use them in everyday contexts, while also beginning to notice patterns such as sequences, doubling, and simple relationships between numbers. This growing awareness helps them predict what comes next, solve problems, and explain their thinking.

Understanding the World

Children develop their understanding of the natural world by exploring the changing seasons, observing how plants grow, and noticing features of their local environment. They begin to recognise patterns such as how weather changes across the year, how plants need sunlight and water to grow, and how different environments support different living things. Through hands-on experiences like planting seeds, going on nature walks, and discussing what they see, children build curiosity and awareness of the world around them.

The Write Stuff

Through the Write Stuff scheme, children will develop their writing skills using engaging and imaginative texts. This term, we will be exploring *Katie and the Sunflowers*, *Jack and the Jellybeanstalk*, and *Meet the Weather*, using them as inspiration for a range of writing opportunities. Children will build their vocabulary, sentence structure, and creativity as they learn to write with increasing confidence and independence.

Communication & Language

By the end of the year, children are expected to show strong skills in listening, attention, understanding, and speaking. They listen carefully in a range of situations, respond appropriately, and follow instructions with increasing independence. Children demonstrate understanding by answering questions, joining in discussions, and making relevant comments. In speaking, they express their ideas clearly, use a growing vocabulary, and form sentences to share thoughts, experiences, and feelings. These skills support their confidence in communication and prepare them well for the next stage of learning.

Physical development:

Thursday afternoon: Forest School

Wednesday afternoon: Manipulation & Coordination Unit 2

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore their creativity through a range of hands-on and imaginative experiences. They will create artwork using natural resources, design and make garden decorations, and develop their painting skills by producing flower artwork inspired by famous works.

Religious Education

Children will explore the question, "What makes every person unique and precious?" They will learn that Christians believe every person is special and valued by God, and that people should be treated with love, kindness, and respect.