

Literacy

We will be looking at a fictional story called 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Ork.

The children will be learning:

- Form lower-case letters correctly
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense

Maths

Through our Mastering Number program, the children will:

- Focus on counting skills Focus on the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand and the die pattern for 5
- Comparison of sets - by matching Use the language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number
- Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part'
- Focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5
- Practise object counting skills Match numerals to quantities within 10
Verbal counting beyond 20

Through our White Rose program, the children are focusing on:

- Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.

Understanding of the World

In Religious Education the children will learn...

- Red is a lucky colour during Chinese New Year
- Red envelopes are given to children with money in them.
- Fireworks can be seen during Chinese New Year just like in other festivals such as Diwali and Bonfire night.
- Valentine's Day can be celebrated to give thanks to someone they love.
- Shrove Tuesday is the start of Lent
- Lent is a time where Christians are getting ready for Easter
- In the past, people gave up food like eggs, milk and sugar at Lent and this meant they could make Pancakes the day before Lent began.
- God helps people to look after plants, animals and living things by providing sunshine, rain, love and everything they need to grow and survive.

Team Acorn Spring 1 2026 Key Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through our Coram programme the children will be learning...

- Talk about how to keep their bodies healthy and safe.
- Name ways to stay safe around medicines.
- Know how to stay safe in their home, classroom and outside.
- Know age-appropriate ways to stay safe online.
- Name adults in their lives and those in their community who keep them safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Design and Technology, the children will be learning to...

- To create a structure that is three dimensional and to use the word 'sculpture'.
- To change my material by using their fingertips, thumbs, and simple tools.
- To say what I like about my work and what I like about another's work.
- To begin to consider how they could improve their own work.

Understanding the World

The children will be learning...

- There are four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.
- Plants in our environment change depending on the season and the weather that happens in that season.
- In Winter, leaves have died and fallen off the trees and the ground is too cold for most plants and flowers to grow.
- In Spring, leaves begin to grow back on trees and plants and flowers begin to sprout.
- Weather is what the sky and the air are like outside. It is different at different times of the day and in different places.

Key Information

Welcome to our exciting Spring term, here are some important key information for this term.

Homework:

Our homework will be sent out on a Friday and it will need to be completed by the following Thursday. All tasks will be as practical as possible to reinforce learning from school.

PE Days

PE will be on a Thursday morning.

Outdoor Clothes

Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellington boots on the wellington boot stand outside of our school door.

Reminders

Kingsley journal books will be kept in school on a Thursday and will be returned on the Friday.

Physical Development

Throughout the day and in our PE lessons the children will learn...

- To dress and undress themselves.
- To carry an object safely.
- To maintain control of a ball when moving.
- To use my feet to move a ball.
- To roll a ball with some control.
- To stop a moving ball.
- To throw a ball into a target.
- To begin to catch a ball.