

# Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

*Little Acorns*

*Mrs Smyth  
(Class Teacher)*

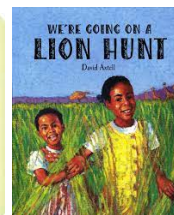
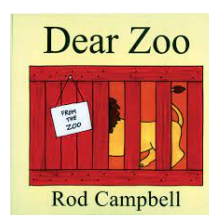
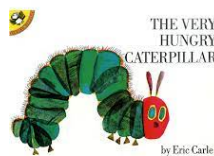
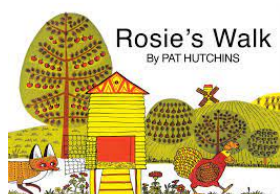
*Mrs Carlisle  
(Nursery Lead)*

*Mrs Reed*

*Mrs Currie*

*Mrs Ellis*

A warm welcome back to school. This term your child's topic will be based around animals, animal life cycles and their habitats. Some books we will be reading include:



## Communication Language and Literacy

This term the pupils will be expanding their vocabulary focusing on words specific to animals, their babies and their habitats. We will be encouraging the children to talk in longer sentences including 'because' and 'and' to add more detail.

### Nursery times:

**Morning session  
8:40 to 11:40**

**Afternoon session  
12:10 to 3:10**

Please be prompt to collect your child at the end of their session. Nursery children should be collected before children from the main school.  
Thank you

## Phonics

This half-term your child will be working in their phonics group to continue to develop their knowledge of letter sounds.

If you would like to refresh your knowledge of phonics then please use the video link below for guidance on pronouncing the letter sounds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Please use this link to watch a video on phonics teaching :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

## Mathematics

This term we are learning about positional language, such as on, in, under, beside, next to, between, near and above. You can play a hide and seek game at home with a teddy bear. Ask your child where the teddy is hiding and they need to tell you where the bear is using positional language.

We will also be looking at patterns - ones that are the same and different. Can they match the patterns that are the same? Ask your child to help with the washing, can they match the pairs of socks for you?

They will continue to develop their skills in representing and recording numbers for different purposes such as how many goals were scored in a game or how many children like the colour yellow. We will begin to learn how to write numerals using the correct formation.

### Key Information

**Reading:** Please ensure your child has an opportunity to share a story with you every night. We recommend at least 5 times per week. Talk about the story together. What happened in the beginning? How was the character feeling when that happened? How did the book end?

**PE:** Little Acorns have PE on a Friday. Your child should come to school wearing their PE kits. Jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

**Food & Drink:** Please remember to send in a bottle of water each day. If your child stays for lunch please check all food that comes into Nursery has NO NUTS. We have children who are highly allergic. Can all grapes be cut before coming into Nursery to reduce the choking risk. Thank you

## Physical Development

Your child will have opportunities during PE and in our continuous provision, to continue to develop their confidence to try new ways of balancing, moving, crawling, hopping, skipping and jumping on and around different obstacles. They will also develop their fine motor skills with using scissors, play dough and using the correct pencil grip when drawing, colouring and mark making.

## Understanding the World and Creative Development

With Spring finally here, the children will be exploring the changes in the environment in the new season. They will be learning about the life cycle of some animals including chickens and butterflies. They will be learning about where different animals live and the names of the babies.

We will be singing a range of songs and nursery rhymes about animals and exploring colour mixing with paint and pastels so you can look forward to some beautiful butterfly pictures coming home.

