First Federation Trust

Axminster Community Primary Academy

Term: Autumn 1, 2026 Class: Little Acorns

Physical Development:

We set up the environment for the children to fully develop their gross motor skills ie bikes, scooters, trikes, obstacle courses, ball games.
The children will have more targeted PE sessions where they learn a skill such as climbing, throwing and balancing.
Fine motor skills are developed through the use of 'Funky Fingers' activities - threading, peg boards, hammer boards and a variety of mark making equipment.

Literacy Development:

We love stories and reading in Nursery and have daily opportunities to look at texts and stories such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, nursery rhymes, traditional stories and fairy tales.

Part of our literacy program is the 'Poetry basket' and this half term's poem we will be learning is called 'Chop Chop'.

Expressive Arts & Design:

We like to get messy and creative at Nursery and offer arts and crafts at every session.

There will be lots of sensory exploration and mark making.

As we get into the term, we will also be offering some autumn and Halloween crafts.

Key Texts:

The Colour monsters
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Owl babies
Incredible You!
You Choose

Incredible You!



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our focus will be the return to Nursery for some and starting Nursery for the first time for others. We will focus on children feeling happy and settled with staff so they are able to explore the Nursery environment confidently and freely. Our daily circle time will give further opportunities to get to know one another and make friends with each other.

Other information and dates:

9th of October: Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day

We will be taking part in Halloween activities in the lead up to half term.

Mathematics:

The focus for this half term is on counting and numbers up to 5. Children will be encouraged to learn to count by pointing to objects and saying the numbers out loud and we can develop this with them. We will be using number songs, showing fingers to support with this.
We will look at basic 2 D shapes and identifying these.

Understanding the World:

Our theme is 'Incredible You' and the children will be encouraged to share all about themselves and their own families, who is special to them and learning more about each other.
Together we are going to revisit Nursery rules and seeking the children's input so that they think about keeping themselves safe and happy.

Communication & Language:

We have story time daily as a whole group and we also love to share stories the children choose throughout their free play time.

We will share songs and rhymes that the children will be familiar with. Some of our rhymes this term will be:Heads, Shoulders, I'm a little teapot, Knees and Toes, If you're happy and you know it and Teddy Bear Teddy bear turn around.