

OAKFIELD CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



are pleased to share that our
'Nursery in Nature' is open.

Little Acorns Nursery School



Wonder



Initiative



Curiosity



our senses

Exploring



nature

Imagination

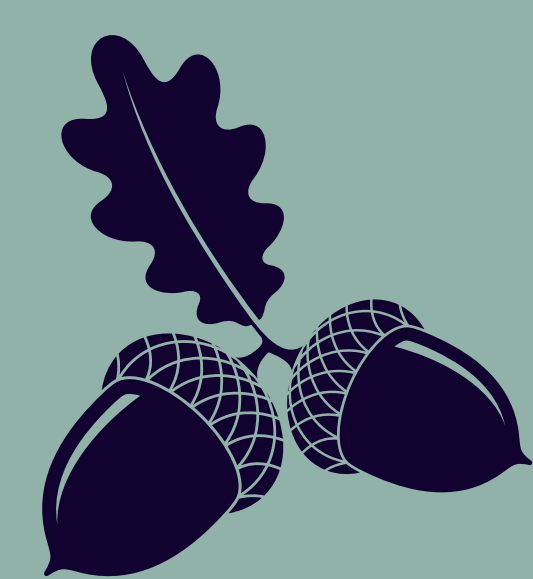
**Nurturing relationships
Lead by a qualified teacher
Learning through play**

Adventure

**For more information about our home from
home setting or to enquire about a space for
your child, please call the school office on
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ABOUT LITTLE ACORNS

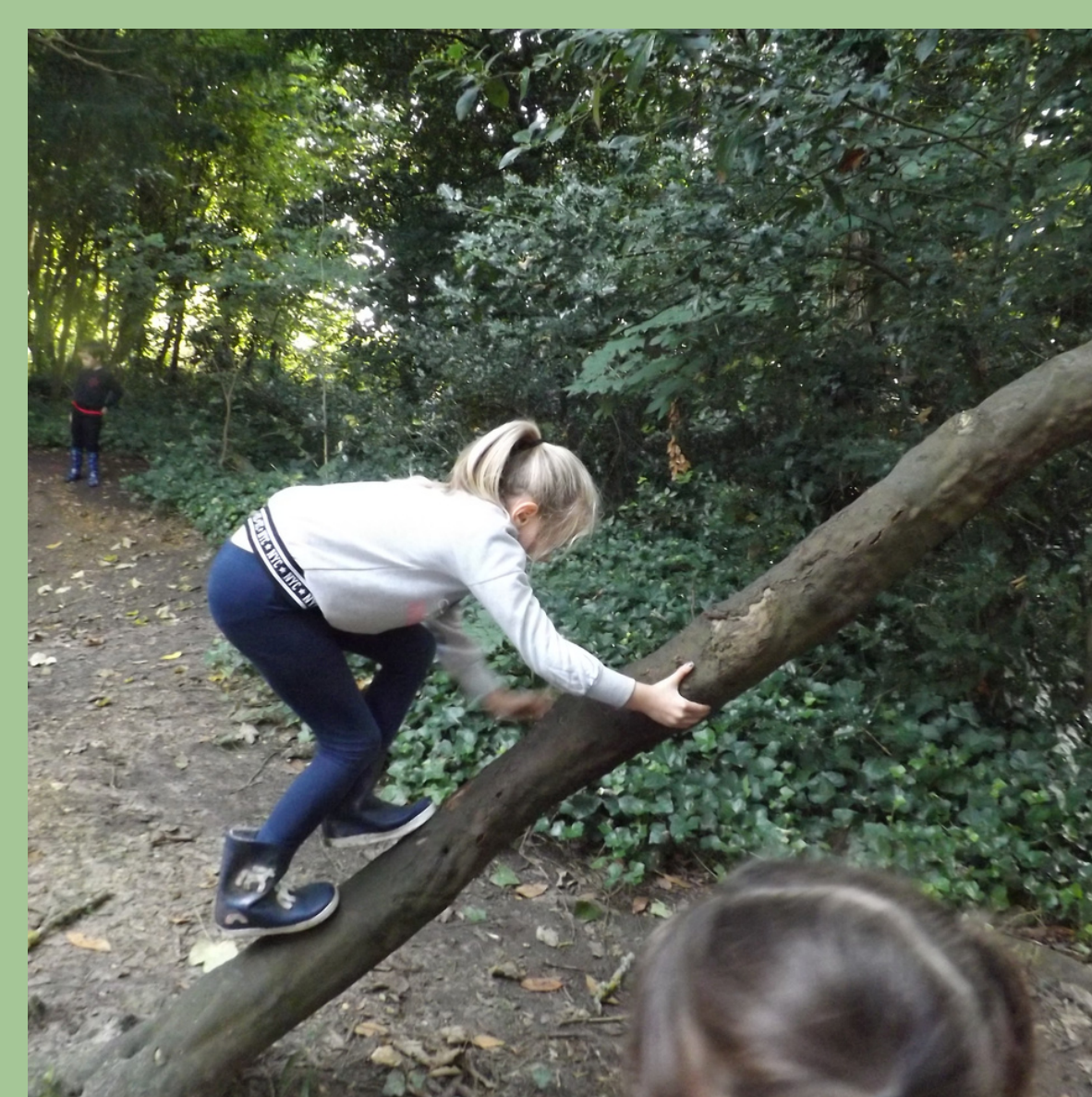


Situated on our exceptional primary school site, Little Acorns has a highly experienced staff team including a qualified teacher who are all committed first and foremost to nurturing relationships in a safe, warm, caring environment, enabling children aged 2 - 5 develop and thrive. At Little Acorns, the great outdoors is at the heart of our curriculum with most of our day spent outdoors in nature, learning through hands on discovery learning. We follow a play-based learning approach following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learning framework.

Little Acorns Nursery takes inspiration from a range of pedagogies including The Reggio Emilia Approach, viewing the children as capable of attaining knowledge within themselves through natural curiosity and creativity through hands on discovery learning. Whilst we have an indoor base, the children learn and experience outdoor play, adventures and forest schooling as part of their daily offer, whatever the weather. At Little Acorns, children have the freedom to move and be active whilst experiencing opportunities to grow in confidence by taking risks to achieve. Our children benefit from real-life situations enabling them to collaborate and solve problems with their peers. Our environment inspires a sense of adventure and wonder, where children are encouraged to use their initiative and imagination.

As we do not know what jobs our children will go into later in life, the best thing we can do for them is to equip them with skills which we know will be essential.

Considering the impact technology has had on the world, we know that human creativity, social skills, and emotional intelligence are key for the future. Future employers require critical thinkers who use their initiative and having confidence to take on challenges and good communication with others is critical to their future lives.



Our children spend each morning in nature where they benefit from:

- stimulating and varied environments where they can be inquisitive, inventive and collaborative with other children
 - freedom to move and be active
- opportunities to grow confident in their capabilities by taking risks to overcome challenges
- real-life situations which require cooperation and problem solving together with others
 - resources and barriers that require children to use their initiative and imagination
 - an environment that inspires a sense of adventure, awe and wonder
 - space to immerse themselves in their observations and reflections
 - moments of stillness and silence, strengthening their capacity to be attentive

Throughout the day, the children have opportunities to express themselves creatively through movement, sound, art and construction outdoors and indoors.

When engaging with the children, we use language rich in concepts to extend their understanding of their observations and experiences to support them in being able to describe them.

We teach mathematics at each child's level of understanding to ensure that they have strong foundations on which to build upon.

We begin the children's journey to become readers by sharing a love of books and reading from day one. Learning through stories, storytelling with puppets, rhyme and songs following 'Firm Foundations' which is the first part of our Phonics and Early Reading scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'

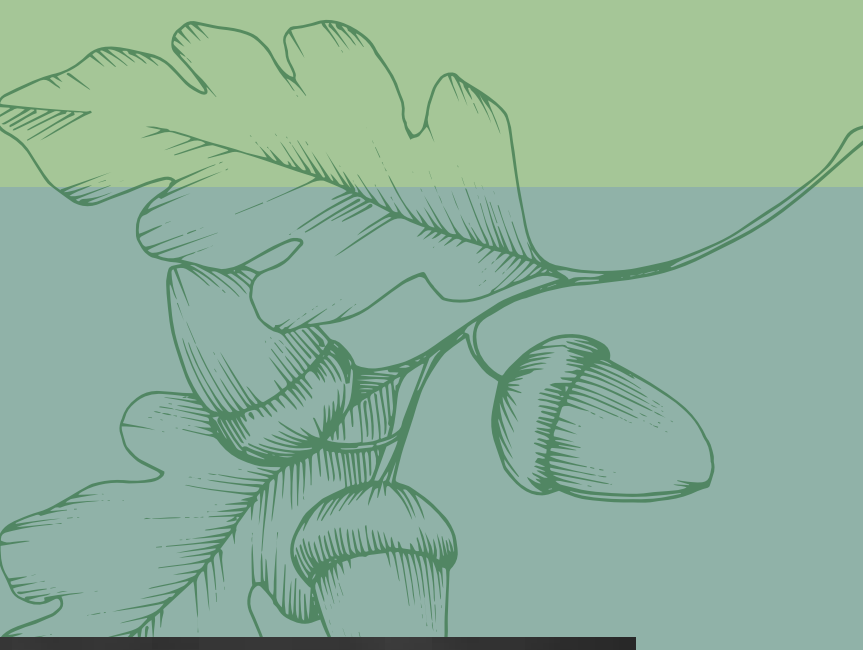
WELCOME TO OUR INDOOR ENVIRONMENT @ LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY



At Little Acorns Nursery, our children spend a large part of their day exploring, playing and learning outdoors, within nature. Where they are encouraged to take risks, collaborate with each other, problem solve, ask questions and develop independence. . A member of the Early Years' Team within the Local Authority was blown away by the quality of outdoor space and provision available to the nursery.

We are very proud and excited to be able to show you our indoor base.

Developing...



wonder

CREATIVITY

curiosity

ADVENTURE

independence

are at the heart of what we do.

We are very proud and excited to be able to show you inside Little Acorns Nursery.



Before

Little Acorns Nursery is situated within St John's House, in the heart of our school site.



This room has been used for many things over the years, and has now found its calling as our wonderful 'Nursery in Nature'





At Little Acorns we use natural resources encourage creativity and imagination in young children.



After



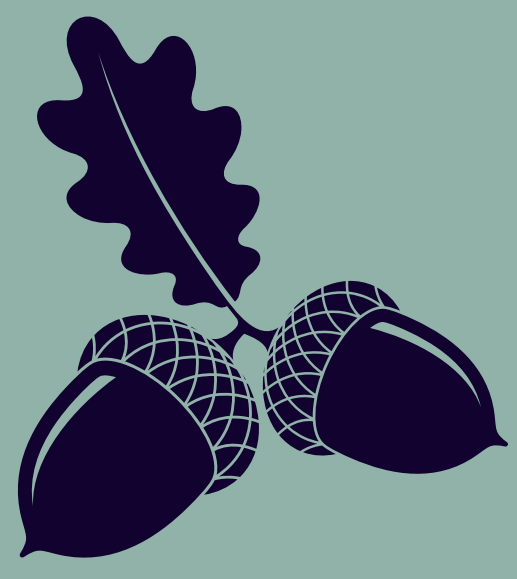
We think we have the best view on the IOW from our Nursery garden



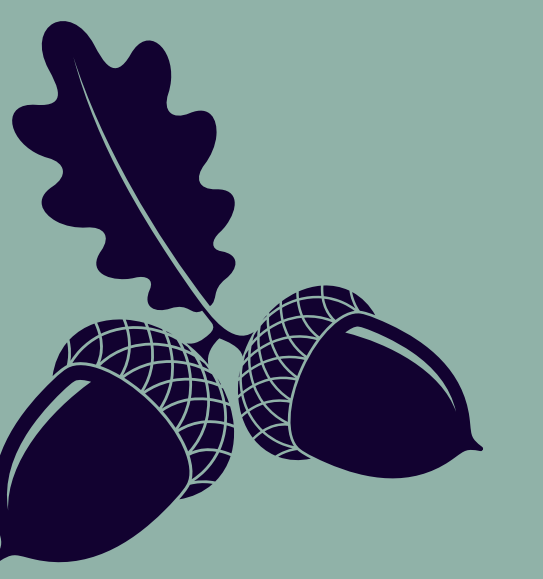
Most of the time, plastic toys can only be used for their purpose, which can restrict children's thinking skills. Natural and real items can help children to develop fine motor skills and express their thoughts and ideas as they manipulate and explore them more.

By having real everyday objects in a nursery setting, children can expand their imaginative play, encouraging them to think about how the equipment can be used, or what they can represent, rather than using the resource for what it looks like, due to its colour or pattern. A resource such as a cardboard tube can pose unlimited opportunities for imaginative play, and children tend to gravitate towards them for that very reason.





MEET OUR TEAM



Our dedicated Early Years Team, supporting our youngest learners 2-4 years old, in our Nursery are:



The children, and their families, who attend Little Acorns Nursery are very much a part of the Oakfield Primary School family, with opportunities throughout their week to meet and learn with many of the school based staff.

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Our nursery team are all 'key people' for our nursery children.

The key person helps the child to feel known, understood, cared about, and safe.

Our key person role involves a triangle of trust with the child and family.

Our key person approach has strong leadership and committed practice.

All of our children benefit most from the key people thanks to their special qualities and dispositions