

A Day in the Life of a Child in Acorn Class

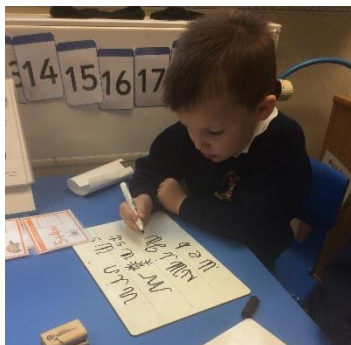
My adult drops me off at 8.45. Mrs Duckett is at the door to greet me. I put my coat and bag away in the right place.

In the classroom, I see my friends and we play with the activities that have been put out for us or choose our own. I stick my photo up on the board so that the adults in the class know that I am at school today. I might choose to do threading, building a bridge, making my own storybook, painting, playing a game on the computer, cutting out patterns or lots of other things!



At 9.10 we sit on the carpet and Mrs Duckett does the register. We sing a good morning song to each other and we sing a song about which day it is today. We also look at the class timetable and talk about what is happening today.

We usually listen to a story and learn a new grapheme in phonics; we learn which sound the letter makes, the action that goes with the sound, what it looks like and how to write it. We work in a group with an adult to practice reading or writing our new sound. This is a lot of fun, sometimes we play reading races outside or paint our new sound in a word – this can be real or a made up silly word!



After phonics we spend some time choosing our own learning. We can play inside or outside. At about 9.45 Mrs Duckett will call a group to do a writing activity with her, we all love doing this and are disappointed when it's not our turn that day!

Around 10.15 the 'helper of the day' will shake the rattle and we know that it is time to do our tidy up job ready for snack and milk. Whilst we have our drink and snack we listen to a story, play a phonics game, sing a song or if today is Tuesday we listen to the person who has taken our class Teddy Bear Pip home for the weekend and hear all about what Pip has been up to!

At 10.45 it is time to go outside and play on the playground with the other children in our school for 15 minutes.

When we come back in to the classroom after break time, we sit down on the carpet for a little while, ready to do some maths. We usually sing a song, learn something new together on the carpet and practise the new skills we've been learning. Then it's time for a group to do a maths activity with Mrs Duckett whilst the rest of us choose our learning inside or outside.



At 12 o'clock we are collected by our Year 6 Lunch Group leader if we are inside first for lunch, or we go outside to play on the playground until we are called by an adult to come in for lunch. At lunch time we sit in our Lunch Groups, this means that on my table I sit with a child from Year 1,2,3,4,5 and my group leader from year 6. We sit with the same children every day, this means that I know who I will sit with and where to sit.

After lunch we answer the register again and find out what we are learning about in the afternoon. Sometimes we listen to a story and do learning activities based on this. We might listen to the Little Red Hen story then construct and play with farms in our small world area, design and create masks of characters from the story, write our own versions of the story, make puppets of the story character then act it out or paint pictures from the story outside. Sometimes Mrs Duckett talks to us about what is happening in the world if it is a special day. We might learn about Road Safety, Anti Bullying week, Thanksgiving or Hanukah and do activities based on this. We are allowed to choose our learning inside or outside. Mrs Lynne and Miss Copeman are our class helpers and we might play with them or read to one of our class adults. On a Wednesday we spend the afternoon doing PE with a sport coach which is very enjoyable.



At 2.15 the class helper shakes the rattle and we do our 'big end of the day tidy up', this means returning all our equipment to where it belongs and covering outside equipment to look after it. We get our coats, bags and water bottles, we put them on a chair and we talk about what we have learnt today. We line up ready for assembly and we walk to the hall very quietly. If it is a Friday it is celebration assembly which we all look forward to, we find out who is the writer, mathematician and star of the week and if we have the best class attendance in school Buttons the cuddly toy dog will spend next week in our class, we all get very excited about this.

After assembly we go back to the classroom and sit with our belongings. We wait for Mrs Duckett to call our names so that we know when our adult has arrived.