



Oakhurst Community First & Nursery  
School  
*'From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks  
Grow'*

**Acorn Class – Autumn 2 – Parent overview**

**Why do leaves go crispy? Can we explore it?**



**Crunch, scrunch, and rustle! We can't go over it. We can't go under it. We've got to go through it!**

This half term, we'll explore the exciting features of the Plantation, taking in the sights, smells and collecting Autumn treasures along the way. Working together, we will collect fallen leaves and have lots of fun playing with them! Using our senses, we'll explore conkers and acorns, thinking about why they fall in Autumn. Getting creative, we'll press leaves into clay to make beautiful impressions, and we'll trace the patterns on leaves using crayons and paint to make rubbings and printing pictures.

We will read adventure stories and use the treasures we have found to recognise initial sounds and begin to use them to hear those sounds in other words. We will go on a 'number walk', hunting for numbers on doors, signs and vehicles. Conkers will help us with our counting and to begin matching quantity and number and we will use leaves to explore size, length, shapes and numbers.

Back in the classroom, we'll watch what happens when frozen objects melt. Things could get messy in our mud kitchen when we use different tools to dig, mix and pour. We'll also enjoy making marks in the mud with sticks, pinecones and our hands and using all our senses to guess what's inside mysterious boxes.

We'll find out about what to say and do if we get lost, share photos of places we've already explored and practise a spot of map reading. Then it's time to pack our bags for an adventure! What will we need? Draw a map, pack a bag, are we ready? We'll explore a range of hideaways, play Hide-and-Seek, navigate obstacles to find teddy!

<b><u>Sparkly Starter</u></b>	<b><u>Fab Finish</u></b>
<b>Look What I've Found!</b> Collect natural objects that you have found for us to make an Autumn Collage	<b>Don't Forget Your Wellies!</b> Come with us on a Bear Hunt at the Plantation and then back for hot chocolate and biscuits
<b>Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>

**Key topic vocabulary**

Below is a list of key vocabulary for your child to know and understand for the topic organised into 3 tiers, 'must know', 'should know' and 'could know'.

<b><u>Key Vocabulary</u></b>		
<b><u>Tier 1 – Must</u></b>	<b><u>Tier 2 – Should</u></b>	<b><u>Tier 3 - Could</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellies</li> <li>• Leaf</li> <li>• Mud</li> <li>• Find</li> <li>• Fruit</li> <li>• Stick</li> <li>• Hide and seek</li> <li>• Garden</li> <li>• Hole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autumn</li> <li>• Conker</li> <li>• Acorn</li> <li>• Crunch</li> <li>• Crispy</li> <li>• Pinecone</li> <li>• Hunt</li> <li>• Treasure</li> <li>• Map</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore</li> <li>• Search</li> <li>• Season</li> <li>• Woodland</li> <li>• Seed</li> <li>• Twig</li> <li>• Maze</li> <li>• Adventure</li> <li>• Hibernate</li> </ul>

**Take away task – Choose one or more to complete at home!**

Due week beginning 11.11.19

**We will use them to make an Autumn and Discovery display**

**Explore**

Take photographs or bring in photographs of places that you love to explore

**Make and do**

Make a woodland creature from natural or recycled materials

Make an Autumn mobile using the things you have collected

**Hide and seek**

Where can you hide? Bring in a photograph of the funniest place you can hide in