

**Understand the World**  Children will explore the learning environment each week where they will be encouraged to take part in planning in the moment, developing on their own interests, knowledge and experiences. Children will explore the topic ‘Under the Sea’, exploring the different characteristic of life under the sea, including that of coral, sea mammals and oceans around the world. Children will be looking after and hatching duck eggs as an extracurricular activity in which we develop knowledge of new life..

**Literacy**

In Literacy We will continue to develop phonics knowledge as we revisit and embed phase 2 and 3 whist developing knowledge within Phase 4, letters, sounds and tricky words. We will enhance our passion for reading through our class topic and continue reading and sharing books with you at home. The children will continue to develop skills in sentence structuring which include using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops, whilst focusing on speaking and listening skills.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will be given the opportunity to get creative using various art materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. The children will develop knowledge and skills on the safe use of materials, tools and techniques whilst creating their masterpieces focused on topic work and Easter.

**Physical Development** Children will continue to develop fine and gross motor skills through focused PE sessions (managed by trained PE instructors within the Acorn Education Trust), and through the use of manipulatives within the classroom environment, aiming to give the children the skills required to effectively control their body movements in order to develop tricky skills e.g. pencil and scissor control.

**Math**

In Maths the children will continue to develop counting skills and number recognition through daily focused math sessions using number-blocks as a tool for number mastery. The children will explore numbers, number systems and begin to look at calculating numbers through songs and stories. The child will Explore characteristics of

everyday objects and shapes by developing knowledge of 3d shapes. They will Use everyday language to talk about time to compare quantities and to solve

problems.

**PSED** Personal, Social and Emotional Development will focus on developing a sense of self-confidence and self-belief, as we encourage children to become independent and confident talkers within group situations.

Shooting Stars class Spring term 2 topic web!

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**Communication and Language**

Children will continue to develop communication and language skills through focused activities and free play. A focus will be placed on the understanding of sentences, what a sentence is, how it is built and putting the children’s knowledge into sentences.

**RE**

The children will be exploring why Christians put a cross in the Easter garden, gaining further understand of religion and its relationship to family and friendship.