

Little Acorns Pre-school:
Information leaflets for parents

Toy Library



[How to borrow Toys/Games to take home](#)

- ❖ To borrow a Toy/game you will therefore need to look through the file, choose what you would like to borrow and book it out. If it is already out, there will be a system in place for you to reserve the item for when it is returned.
- ❖ All items are in bags and we ask that you borrow one bag at a time for up to 2 weeks. You can borrow and exchange for something else as often as you like. If your child has really enjoyed the activity and you want to borrow it again, as long as you return within the 2 weeks and you check that nobody else is waiting for it, you can take it home again!!
- ❖ We ask that you and your child take care of our Toys/Games and return them in the same condition you borrowed them, checking the contents from the photograph in the bag. (Again, this covers Personal, Social and Emotional development for your child...taking care of things that don't belong to them!) Of course we understand that accidents happen and we will never refuse to lend you anything else because the cat knocked tea on it or the dog ate one of the pieces....or something similar!!! (Maybe keep small parts away from dogs!!)



- ❖ When borrowing an item you may find that you notice your child progressing in a certain area of learning. For instance, you may notice that your child is starting to recognise numbers/shapes/colours that they hadn't previously or they may start re-telling a story. We call these "wow" moments and you can jot them down in your Home Link books for us to then add to your child's progression file. This all may sound very complicated...talk to a staff member if you are unsure. We are not going to be expecting you to do this every time you borrow something, so please do not feel under any pressure!!
- ❖ We want to expand this library continually so that we have a vast amount of Toys/Games for you to borrow. If you are having a clear out at any time and have anything that you feel would be appropriate for the Library, we would be very grateful!!
- ❖ So, as said above, we want you and your child to enjoy and make the most of our Library!!

Please see the back of this leaflet, which details how we have incorporated our Toy Library within the Curriculum.

Helping your child do well

Every Toy/Game that your child uses, potentially has a learning outcome. Therefore, every time that your child plays...they are learning and don't even know it! We want our children to have fun, explore their world and resources and "be able to be a child". So although our Toy Library has been produced with a learning emphasis in mind, our main aim is for you to be able to have fun with your child, try out new activities that you may not have at home...or are thinking of getting but want to make sure they like it first!!

- ❖ We have categorized all the items to borrow into the 7 areas of learning. There is a file containing photographs of all Toys/Games available and each are in the section of the area of learning that we feel it mostly fits. There is plenty of cross over with this. For instance, any game that requires your child taking turns, of which there are many, would all come under Personal Social and Emotional. Rather than put them all under that section we have considered what else your child may be learning, whether it is Maths or Understanding the World etc. Again, this may all sound rather complicated, but it really isn't. We have lovely staff who will help you find the kind of things you are looking to borrow.

To support the curriculum further, there is a contents card in each bag which has additional ideas on the back.