



How Acorn Missions Work

IMMERSIVE LEARNING ADVENTURES THAT BUILD THINKING FOR LIFE

Every mission is designed around proven educational theories and built to develop curiosity, confidence and deeper understanding.



THE MISSION JOURNEY



EXPLORE

Children step into a real-world scenario and gather evidence, clues and ideas.



THINK

They use different types of thinking to make sense of what they find.



CHOOSE

They make decisions that shape their path & open new possibilities.



REFLECT

They pause to reflect, review their choices & consider what they've discovered.



CONNECT

They connect their learning to the real world and their own impact.

THE ELEMENTS INSIDE EVERY MISSION

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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE PATHWAYS

Learners:

- Make meaningful choices
- Explore different outcomes
- Follow their curiosity

Educational value:

Builds agency, independence & consequence-thinking

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THINKING ICONS

Learners:

- Observe, calculate, imagine
- Investigate & question
- Reflect & connect ideas

Educational value:

Supports different thinking styles & mixed-ability engagement

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ADVENTURER & INVESTIGATOR PATHWAYS

Learners:

- Access the same mission
- With different levels of support & reasoning depth
- Never feel left behind

Educational value:

Supports confidence-building, differentiation & independent thinking

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PAPER FIRST LEARNING

Learners:

- Write, doodle & sketch
- Think deeply & slowly
- Organise ideas on paper
- Celebrate & share ideas with others

Educational value:

Reduces distraction & supports deeper cognitive engagement

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REAL WORLD MISSIONS

Learners:

- Explore real-world challenges, sustainability, communities & global systems

Educational value:

Builds relevance, empathy & connection to the world around them.

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REFLECTION & CELEBRATION

Learners:

- Reflect on choices & growth
- Recognise their impact
- Celebrate progress

Educational value:

Builds confidence in uncertainty & personal meaning-making
Learning not assessed through performance.

OUR MISSIONS NURTURE ORIGINAL INTELLIGENCE:



CURIOSITY:

Asking their own questions



INTERPRETATION:

Making sense of complex ideas



CONFIDENCE:

Trusting their thinking & choices



REFLECTION:

Thinking about learning



SYSTEMS THINKING:

Seeing connections in the real-world

...only humans can learn to make sense when the world isn't black or white, but in gloriously unpredictable technicolour.