

Nursery



In our Nursery, the children will be supported to settle quickly and to begin having very positive learning experiences guided by a great team of teaching staff. The children will learn through hands-on, practical opportunities shaped around the different areas of learning. During the nursery session children have free play choice both indoors and outdoors. There will also be opportunities for focused small group and whole class activities.

The curriculum will be shaped around 7 areas of learning and half termly topics. The topics will be:

- Autumn 1- Who am I?
- Autumn 2- Colours
- Spring 1- Weather and Seasons
- Spring 2- Reading - celebrating books
- Summer 1- People who help us
- Summer 2- Animals

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Learning in the Nursery is aimed at helping our children to develop the important social skills of sharing, turn taking and working together. Children are encouraged to have a go at new experiences in order to develop their confidence, concentration and independence.

Communication and Language

Children will develop speaking and listening skills through all their activities. Adults will model high quality examples of language at every opportunity. The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, to listen carefully to others and to develop their vocabulary.

Literacy

The children will be encouraged to enjoy books and stories, and to share books with each other. Children will be able to borrow a book a week from the Nursery library to take home to share. There will be lots of opportunities to develop and extend language skills and also early reading and writing skills. In the Nursery children will begin to learn their letters and sounds, following Phase 1 of the Letters and Sounds Programme.

Maths

Through songs, play and focused activities, our children will be helped to develop the basic skills of counting and recognising numbers. Children will have opportunities to use and name shapes, complete puzzles, order sizes and solve practical problems in a mathematical way.

Physical Development

By learning through play, the children will develop gross motor skills of balancing, running, jumping, climbing, pedalling, throwing and catching. They will also develop the fine motor skills of cutting, mark-making and hand-eye coordination. Children will be supported to be independent in their dressing, particularly coats and shoes and also in their self-care e.g. toileting and keeping themselves clean.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Children will begin to learn about and make sense of the world around them. Some of this learning will be through exploring different forms of ICT. They will be encouraged to talk about their personal and cultural experiences and learn about those of others.

Expressive Arts and Design

Painting, drawing, collage, modelling, dancing, singing, role play and dressing up are all crucial learning experiences in the Nursery, which will encourage our children to be creative, consider different ways of doing things and respond to different stimuli.