

The 7 areas of learning... for parents

Our curriculum supports all children to learn and develop well from their first days with us.

We work closely with children's parents (and other settings they attend if relevant) to regularly observe and assess children's progress and we are always ready to offer extra support if needed.

We believe that children learn best through play and we encourage them to be independent in their learning. We see ourselves as facilitators, providing appropriate resources and ensuring the children are safe and healthy, so they can follow their interests and learning styles and learn at their own speeds.

We use the 7 areas of learning in Early Years Outcomes to support children as they make progress towards the Early Learning Goals. This is the required curriculum for all early years children in England.

Communication and language

There are 3 aspects - listening and attention; understanding; speaking.

Children's speech develops when they are given lots of opportunities to communicate and listen in a supportive language rich environment. Cosy spaces encourage conversation and language use.

Physical development

There are 2 aspects - moving and handling; health and self-care

We plan activities to develop children's gross and fine motor skills and support them to be independent, make healthy choices and stay safe.

Personal, social and emotional development

There are 3 aspects - self-confidence and awareness; managing feelings and behaviour; relationships.

We build children's confidence and praise them for their successes. We support behaviour positively and promote friendships.

Literacy

There are 2 aspects - reading; writing.

We offer children lots of opportunities to read and write through the day - early writing is called 'mark making'. We plan a book reading session for all the children every day inside or in the garden.

Mathematics

There are 2 aspects - numbers; shape, space and measures.

Children's play teaches them about mathematical concepts such as numbers, shapes, size, capacity, weight, opposites, measuring, counting, time, distance, speed, money, fractions and much more...

Understanding the world

There are 3 aspects - people and communities; the world; technology.

Children learn about the world around them, locally and further afield, people, nature and the natural world (animals, fish, birds etc). They explore ICT and technology and learn about cause and effect.

Expressive art and design

There are 2 aspects - exploring and using media and materials; being imaginative.

We plan daily art and craft activities to support learning - children are encouraged to select their own craft materials. They dress up, role play, make playdough, sing, dance and small world play.