

The Foundation Stage in our Nursery

The Foundation Stage is the first key stage of the National Curriculum and every child between the ages of three and five is entitled to experience the Foundation Stage Curriculum, which focuses on learning through play, in six key areas of learning. These are;

- **Social, emotional and personal development**
- **Physical development**
- **Creative development**
- **Communication, language and literacy**
- **Mathematical development**
- **Knowledge and understanding of the world**

When you come into the Nursery you will notice that the space is used in a particular way. The layout allows the children to make independent choices about what they want to do and encourages them to take responsibility for their play and learning. It gives them the security of having areas they can return to on a daily basis, while maintaining their interest by changing focus, using carefully planned resources within those areas.



The areas in the Nursery for the children to explore and engage in, both in the classroom and outside are;

- **Home Corner and role play**
- **Construction area**
- **Creative area and workshop**
- **Water play**
- **Sand play**
- **Computers**
- **Malleable materials, e.g. dough, clay**
- **Quiet area with books, jigsaws, puzzles**
- **Listening area**
- **Mark making area**
- **Small world area**
- **Maths area**



The resources are bright, inviting and of good quality. The equipment is clearly labelled to encourage children to select independently and return items to their proper place for others to use. They are chosen by staff to support and consolidate learning. Activities are planned to give a balanced range of experiences and are based on a combination of independently chosen and adult led, more focussed activities. We use parents, visitors and trips out to enhance and enlarge the children's experience of the world around them.

