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Care, learning & play policy

A child's play has purpose and can be a step towards the learning and understanding of valuable skills. It can help the child fit into the world physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and grow to be a healthy and competent individual. The nursery is a stimulating environment where play and learning go hand in hand. A varied selection of activities will be provided throughout the day, using both indoor and outdoor activities. Consideration will be taken to ensure that provision is made for children with special needs and abilities.

Messy Play

A large variety of mediums such as cornflower, jelly, spaghetti and dough will be made available. These will provide different tactile sensory and imaginative experiences and will encourage expressive language.

Sand and Water

These are made available daily. They provide opportunities to experience scientific and mathematical concepts as well as encouraging social and language development.

Creative Activities

Activities such as painting, sticking, chalking and box modelling are readily available. Additionally games such as ring games, colour matching, sorting will encourage conversation and the learning of social skills, taking turns, sharing, winning and losing.

Imaginative Play

Children's imagination is a wonderful thing and we will aim to enrich opportunities that will help widen their imagination. To help this dolls and accessories, dressing up clothes, home corner, familiar situations i.e. post office, hairdressers, cars, trains to name but a few will be made available. We also have a good selection of construction / small world toys which encourage good hand/eye co-ordination, counting sorting etc.

Physical Play

Balls, hoops, tricycles, scooters, climbing and balancing apparatus is provided, alongside more natural outdoor pursuits.

Staff are always on hand to encourage and extend the children's learning. Books play a major role in the children's environment and both staff and children enjoy daily stories and rhymes.



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Musical instruments will be available so that in addition to hearing and responding to music the children will be encouraged to think about how sounds are produced.

All of these experiences are incorporated throughout the nursery day. The children follow a flexible timetable that allows for continuous play provision, the children are encouraged to think for themselves and become independent.

The staff interact and observe the children and gain information to assess and plan for their future development.

Equipment

We aim to ensure that toys and equipment that the babies / children use is kept clean and in a good state of repair, thus preventing unnecessary accidents. Once a damaged piece of equipment is found it is removed and hopefully replaced. The rooms and their contents are damp dusted either daily or weekly.

This policy was adopted on

Signed on behalf of the nursery

Date for review