



Our Mission Statement

Learning and thriving through play and discovery

Our Aims...

At our Nursery we will work in partnership with every family to provide the highest quality childcare in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. We offer a collection of unique experiences using both the outdoors and indoors as a positive learning environment. We will provide a stimulating atmosphere to encourage your child's development as we are passionate about quality Early Years Care and Education.

Emotional security is fundamental in allowing a child to develop and grow, and here at Our Nursery our committed team of professionals will provide a happy, relaxed and safe environment, where you as a parent will be happy to leave your child and where they will want to spend their time. All children will feel comfortable in expressing themselves, as our team will encourage self confidence and individual development. Praise, guidance and encouragement will be central to our daily practices.

Our nursery values are: **Caring, Respect, Nurture, Encourage, Growth and Equality**

Starting Out...

When your child joins our Nursery they will receive all the care and attention they need. The first time your child separates from you can be an upsetting experience - for both you and your child. However, our caring and well-trained staff will help make the whole process much happier and less traumatic. Your child will be assigned Key Workers who will be responsible for ensuring that their introduction to Nursery goes as smoothly as possible. Babies and toddlers will be given an individual admissions plan which will reflect the needs of the parent and child. Pre-school children will be staggered into the Nursery in small groups

so that staff can spend 1:1 time ensuring each child feels safe and cared for. We also give parents the opportunity to spend some time with their child while they settle in to their new environment.

For many children, the settling-in period is rarely as difficult as you imagine it to be and they quickly learn that Nursery is a happy, friendly place to be. Our aim is to ensure that your child's first few weeks at Our Nursery will form the foundation of a happy, secure childhood, and that ultimately, their time at Nursery will give them the confidence and skills to go on to enjoy a successful school career.

Our Team...

Our Nursery comprises of a blend of experienced and professionally qualified staff; teachers, EYFS practitioners and trainees working towards their qualifications. All staff are skilled in expertly guiding your child through the wonders of learning whilst playing. Our staff are dedicated to treating your child with patience, affection, enthusiasm and understanding. All staff participate in ongoing training to constantly progress their own skills and abilities. Our staff will maintain development records for each child which will show the progress made during their time at Our Nursery. These records are available for parents to look through and discuss with staff at any time.

Nursery Rooms...

Each of the Nursery rooms are generously proportioned, carefully planned and extensively resourced to create inspiring learning environments in which children can grow and learn with confidence. Each room has access to outdoor play areas offering regular outdoor learning opportunities across all areas of the curriculum.

Our Baby (Bunny) Rooms...

These rooms were created to appear like a 'home from home'. Our highly experienced staff will reflect the home routine of each baby as closely as possible. The rooms provides a variety of stimulating activities in a caring and warm environment, aimed at promoting your baby's all round development. Babies begin to explore the world through their senses. Their activities are sensitively planned to meet their changing needs as they grow and develop. There is also designated sleep room where individual cots and mats provide a special space for babies to relax and rest. The sleep room will be closely

monitored during nap time and offers a quiet, gentle atmosphere away from the noise and stimulation in the rest of the room. As the children's independence grows we will work alongside parents to introduce toilet training, and the children becoming increasingly confident at mealtimes.

Our Toddler (Tiger) Room...

The toddler room provides a more structured day with a wide range of learning opportunities including arts and crafts, construction activities, table top games and much more. Your child will also be introduced to early numeracy and literacy skills and activities designed to develop your child's communication skills.

The emphasis in this room is learning through play. All activities will be planned through monitoring and assessing the children's individual needs and emerging skills. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including messy play, role play, singing/nursery rhymes, story time and small world activities.

Our Pre-School (Panda) Room...

We plan differentiated activities which closely link to the 7 areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum: 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development', 'Communication and Language', 'Physical Development', 'Mathematics', 'Literacy', 'Understanding the World' and 'Expressive Arts and Design'. These activities are planned according to the child's stage of development. The play that we offer builds on previous learning and takes into account each child's increasing concentration span and developing skills. We encourage creativity and individual expression. We provide different activities for the children to become involved in and ensure that these are rotated regularly to maintain children's interests. There are times when the children in the rooms join together for stories, play phonics etc.

Transitions...

As each child develops, it is important that the transition is a gradual process to help ease any anxiety or fear for the child. With this in mind, we arrange for children from all age groups to play together whenever it is appropriate and there are numerous opportunities for the whole Nursery to meet. As the children get to a stage when moving on is getting closer, we ensure that visits take place to enable the child to get accustomed to the new area and staff. Once the

child seems to be settled then they will be moved permanently. Parents are kept informed at all times regarding any transition.

Menus...

A balanced diet is crucial to a child's physical and mental development; here at Our Nursery we provide varied menus designed to appeal to children and to provide key nutritional elements. Food is prepared on site and ingredients are sourced from carefully selected suppliers. Vegetarians and vegans are also catered for, where possible, as are children with special dietary or religious requirements, or those with specific allergies.

Parental Involvement...

We are fully committed to a partnership approach with parents. The needs of each child are discussed in full, prior to admission and on an ongoing basis. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's day with their key worker and individual development records are available at all times for parents to view. In the bunny room, communication books are sent home, notifying parents of any pertinent information. In tiger room, this information is displayed in chart form. We record the children's eating, sleeping and toileting habits for that day. As a parent you will also receive newsletters and regular updates on the parent's notice board which is displayed within the nursery. We also hold parent's evenings for each room, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's development. We have a parent forum which is a collaborative space to share ideas.

We believe Our is very special - a happy, nurturing and safe environment in which children thrive as they learn and all children feel welcomed, valued and listened to. We hope you and your child enjoy your time with us and please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any questions concerning our provision.

Leann Valiquette
Nursery Principal