

Our Early Years Curriculum

All of our Nursery activities follow the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum. Within this, there are seven areas of learning:-

- + Personal, social and emotional development
- + Communication and language
- + Literacy
- + Mathematical development
- + Understanding of the world
- + Physical development
- + Expressive arts and Design

When staff plan the weeks activities for their class, they make reference to these seven area of learning and draw upon the interests and stage of development for each child.



Although the planning covers seven areas of learning, our aim is to develop the whole child and we see learning as an integrated process, which comes about through exploration, play and communicating understandings.

Every week, the teaching teams will display a copy of their fortnightly focused planning activities on the notice board outside the classroom for parents to read. The focused planning explains the role of each staff member in more depth

Teams also plan specific activities that have been suggested by the children on a weekly basis. Copies of this weekly planning is displayed outside each room so that parents can find out what their child will be up to each day of the week. These plans may help you to talk to the children more about their work in Nursery, so when they come home and tell you that they have been 'playing all day' - you will know exactly what they mean.

Each classroom has a visual timetable for the children to 'read' showing the structure of their classroom day in the form of easy pictures that they will understand.

Throughout the day, each class has Daily Dedicated Group times. These involve short and intense activities that focus on literacy, mathematics, songs and stories.

If you would like to know more about any of the activities mentioned in the planning then just ask a member of staff. Alternatively, if one of the activities interests you, you may like to stay behind and help the class with their work. We welcome any parental support you can offer in classrooms.

Outdoor Learning is also a major part of our focus at Monkchester and we have many case studies on national websites that showcase our outstanding work in this area. We ensure that children are always learning whether they are inside or outside by using our forest area, our garden and allotment and the other areas in our school grounds.



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