

Precious Little Nursery Curriculum

Brief Overview

My curriculum is based around the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage).

It is made up of

3 prime areas:-

- Communication & Language
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)
- Physical Development

4 Specific areas:-

- Expressive Arts & Design
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World

Both areas Prime and Specific work together through a play based curriculum. Playing with toys, using materials, resources, and equipment aid children to develop social skills, forging relationships and self expression.

Aims and Objectives:-

Play gives our children the ability to increase memory skills, to plan, test ideas, solve problems, think logically and work out strategies. They will be able to develop their spatial awareness, hand to eye coordination, build their vocabulary, encourage self reliance, increase attention span, develop a sense of self and respect for both adults and peers, and strengthen muscles in hands, arms and legs.

Our outings, trips, and celebrations give children an understanding about their environment, local community, different cultures and the world.

Content and Areas of focus:-

As we know every child has their own starting points, and interests when they attend our nursery. We use their interests to build on, while we stretch that and implement other new but just as interesting and exciting things to spark and encourage new and evolving interests. When creating an activity we always modify it so all ages of children can take part. This approach would also include an area of focus a child may need to reach a goal for instance, or something they might find challenging but require to achieve.

The Method or Pedagogy:-

The method we use in our setting is known as the Montessori approach, where we allow the children to have the freedom to choose what they want to play or experience on a day to day basis. This way they show us their preferences which can also change from day to day depending on what takes their fancy. This child focus approach requires everything to be at the children's disposal which they can access independently. This also helps us to plan activities that are rich, extensive, and fun while igniting their curiosity and learning journey.

Assessment and Impact:-

Whilst watching and observing how the children react to an activity, in terms of the conversations they have with each other and us shows how and what exactly about the activity sparked their interest, what gained their attention, what they did, how they did what they did, and if they introduced any additional tools etc. We can look at how that did extend the activity and take it in another direction. It would also spark different ideas in us as teachers of what we can build on or improve the next time we introduce that particular activity.

Materials, Resources and Equipment:-

We have what we call a materials colour wheel. To help you understand how some of our resources, Materials, and equipment have aided children to accomplish outcomes that are vital to their growth, learning, and understanding whilst playing and exploring.

Please view the Precious Little Souls Setting Materials Colour Wheel by clicking on it