

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to make use of the large outdoor area to move spontaneously and confidently. They will be able to ride bikes, scooters and cars and push prams, make dens, make up stories, paint, draw or just reflect quietly. They will have opportunities to climb and slide, and to

rest whenever they need to. They will have planned PE sessions, inside and outside. They will be encouraged to become aware of their own personal hygiene and the need to eat healthily.

They will also have opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through threading, sewing, cutting, mark-making and other activities.



The Specific Areas

Literacy

The environment is rich in print to encourage children to begin to notice letters and words. Right from the start children are supported to become aware of letter sounds through rhymes and songs, and to develop their phonic understanding in appropriate ways.

Mathematics

Children will encounter many opportunities for counting and recognising numbers through rhymes, games, stories and songs, both indoors and outdoors.

Numbers are involved in many daily routines such as snack,

tidying up and Key person time. They will have access to a mathematics area with a range of resources designed to teach them about shape, space and measurement. They will be encouraged to solve problems using their own methods and to talk about and explain what they have done.



Understanding the World

Children will have opportunities to observe the world about them, and to notice and talk about living things, features of their environment and change processes such as growth or the seasons. They will be encouraged to try

find things out for themselves, and to 'direct' what they want to find out by following their own interests, for example, dinosaurs or babies.



They will be able to use computers, digital camera, printers, microscopes and programmable toys. They will learn about what 'the past' means in ways which are relevant to them. The nursery is committed to developing children's awareness of the diversity of cultures, beliefs and working roles in society today, to challenge prejudice and to encourage attitudes of tolerance and equality.