

## Care, Learning and Play

**We aim for a child's time at Nursery to be an enjoyable learning experience, laying down strong foundations and becoming a happy confident and well balance individual who is able to move onto the next exciting adventure in life.**

Every day in nursery is carefully planned to ensure a child receives the best learning opportunities in a safe, fun and caring environment whilst ensuring we meet individual social, physical and emotional needs of each child.

Nursery has fully implemented the government initiative of the Early Years Foundation Stage to a very high standard. We follow the three Prime areas of learning;

1. Personal, Social and Emotional development
2. Physical Development
3. Communication & Language

And the four specific areas of Learning and Development

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design

Each child has an individual file that contains their assessment profile with recordings of observations. Examples of children's work, photographs and any other relevant information will also be included.

Activities are carefully planned to allow children to build on their natural curiosity, advance their thinking, use their imagination and develop positive social relationships. At all times nursery will recognise a child's individuality, effort and achievement.

Wherever appropriate, children will be involved in the process of planning activities so that the programme reflects their opinions.

Children will be offered access to outdoor play every day, subject to weather conditions.

No child will ever be left unsupervised at the nursery. The programme of activities will be displayed in a place that is accessible to all children and to their parents/carers, including start and finish times. The Manager will ensure that time is managed properly, so as to allow for activity sessions to be evaluated.

### **Key Person**

A key person's role at Nutkins nursery is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, to help the child become familiar with the nursery and build relationships with their parents.

### **Sleep**

Areas are provided for children who wish to relax, play quietly or sleep. Where possible we will mirror a child's sleep pattern they experience at home. Sleeping children will be frequently checked and information recorded on weekly time sheets.