

Puddle Ducks Early Years Policy

Introduction

Education during a child's early years is the foundation upon which they build the rest of their lives. Children under the age of five years learn most effectively when they feel happy and secure in their environment, are interested in their activity, are engaged in enquiring their learning through practice, talk and reflection.

Our Aims

- To provide opportunities for each child to develop physically, emotionally, socially, aesthetically and intellectually.
- To provide structured activities based on first hand experiences, which will encourage self-motivation, curiosity, investigation, perseverance and progression.
- To provide opportunities for both structured and spontaneous play.
- To provide an environment in which each child is helped to develop self-discipline, independence and a sense of responsibility towards others.

Early Years and Information Technology

Children will be encouraged and taught to use a variety of information sources e.g. books, tape recorders, information technology and Bee-Bot etc.

Early years, Welsh and Sign

Children will experience the Welsh and sign language through incidental use of common words and phrases, linked to our programs of learning.

Special Needs

Every child is viewed as an individual and through detailed planning we aim to meet individual needs as far as possible.

Assessment, Recording and Reporting

Children's progress is assessed and recorded regularly. Frequent observations of children's responses are carried out in order to plan the next stage or work. During the year a splash book for each child is assembled containing observations and some work to show the child's

achievements. At the end of each academic year this splash book is passed onto parents and with all other relevant records, and then passed onto school.

Home-Nursery Link

Fortnightly newsletters will be issued. Parents will have the opportunity to join the nursery on a monthly basis during this time parents will be able to view and discuss their child's development.

Health and Safety

Puddle Ducks has a policy on Health and Safety. At all times there will be at least 50% of staff on duty who are qualified in First Aid duties

The New Foundation

Our activities are aimed to give the children every opportunity to experience The New Foundation to the best possible ability and in the fantastic environment of the nursery offering all available opportunities to experience all indoor activities outside with all the care and attention of dedicated staff.

Differentiation of Work

The differentiation of our activities is at the discretion of the supervisor. Differentiation will be achieved through a variety of ways:

Outcome.

Level of Support.

Additional input.

Mixed ability grouping - painting.

Taking into consideration each child's individual needs and abilities.