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The Early Years Foundation Stage

The government have introduced a new framework for practitioners caring for children from Birth to Five years from September 2008. It combines and updates the two previous guidance documents we used called Birth to Threes and the Foundation Stage. Louise and myself have been on two days of training to learn all about this and have spent a lot of time with the nursery owner and the managers at our other sites designing a new system for all of our planning of activities. I have recently had a meeting with an advisor from the early years department and they are very impressed with our new system. Please come and speak to me if you would like more information and please always feel free to ask your child's key worker if you can take a look at our planning folders.

Why do I need to know about the EYFS?

The EYFS will be the stage your child is in when they attend a setting or a childminder's home between birth and the age of five. It is also the stage that they are in until the end of the Reception year at school. Children do best when parents and professionals work together. It is important to remember that you know more about your own child than anyone else. Practitioners should be asking you about your child and sharing information with you about your child's progress. Understanding what your child is doing when they are with others will help you to notice how well they are developing and learning. The part you play in their learning and the choices you make will make a difference to their future.

What is the EYFS?

The EYFS is a stage of children's development from birth to the end of their first (Reception) year in school. The EYFS Framework describes how early years practitioners should work with children and their families to support their development and learning. It describes how your child should be kept safe and cared for and how all concerned can make sure that your child achieves the most that they can in their earliest years of life. It is based on four important principles.

What are the EYFS principles?

Theme: A Unique Child

Principle: Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

Theme: Positive Relationships

Principle: Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key person.

Theme: Enabling Environments

Principle: The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.

Theme: Learning And Development

Principle: Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of Learning and Development are equally important and interconnected. Each Principle applies to all children from birth. Each Principle is supported by four commitments that describe how the Principle can be put into practice. They are all explained and explored in more depth on the Principles into Practice cards and the CD-ROM. The principles underpin all that practitioners are required to do.

What can parents and carers do?

Parents and carers are their children's first teachers. When they are with your learning can happen at any time and anywhere, for example through: being generous with praise and cuddles; reading things together; playing games, singing nursery rhymes; talking about what you can see in the park or on the street; counting the stairs as you go up and down

Why are the years from birth to five so special?

The years from birth to five see the greatest growth and learning for all children.

- good health;
- to be happy;
- to feel safe;
- to be successful.

Early learning is the key to your child's future and families make the greatest difference at this stage.

Seren enjoying escaping to the land of make believe!!



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Wednesday 6th August

Tommy Thumbs are going on a trip to the park to feed the animals.

Thursday 7th August

Baby Smalls are having a food tasting activity, with foods from around the world, such as, pineapple, prawn crackers, naan bread, etc.

Friday 8th August

Baby Smalls are going on a trip to the park in the afternoon.

Please could all Tommy Thumbs bring in photo of family member.

Monday 11th August

Baby Smalls are having a special "All About Me" day. Children to come dressed in their favourite clothes and bring a photo of themselves as a baby.

Jo Jingles to visit nursery!!

Tuesday 12th August

Toby Talls are going on a trip to the library to find their favourite stories.

Tuesday 19th August

Stay and play session

Wednesday 20th August

Tommy Thumbs are having a special day, can all children come dressed in summer clothes and with a pair of sunglasses.

Friday 22nd August

Toby Talls are going on a trip to the park to listen to their favourite stories and play on the park.

Wednesday 27th August

Can all Tommy Thumbs bring in their favourite toy; we are going to share them with all the other children.

Toby Talls are having a special party, for all the children leaving to go to school. This is from 1.30-3.30pm, all children welcome, you will receive an invitation. Parents welcome to stay!!

Friday 29th August

Baby Smalls are having a teddy bear tea party with some of their favourite foods and can they all bring a teddy bear.

Special points of interest

- ∞ The Early Years Foundation Stage
- ∞ Stay and play
- ∞ Activities and Special days
- ∞ Managers Memo

Stay and Play

Thank you for supporting these opportunities to share your child's experiences at nursery. Our next stay and play will be **Tuesday 19th August 2008** from 8.00-9.00 am. If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call.
Emma

MANAGERS MEMO

We would like to wish all the Toby Talls going to school, good luck!! We will miss you all, and we hope that you will come and visit.

The big toddle was a great success. Children from Toby Talls went for a sponsored walk on the chase along with the children from the Stafford and Hixon Horn End. We managed to raise £240.00. Thank you for your support with this event.

From Emma and the team

Horn End Nursery Premises At
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& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

We can now e-mail photos to you of your child at nursery. Please make sure we have your correct email address

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