



APPLETREE NURSERY SCHOOL

Understanding the World

Characteristics of Effective Learning:

At Appletree Nursery School we are committed to ensure that children learn and develop through the following ways

Playing and Exploring: children are encouraged to engage in open-ended activities using their senses and taking risks;

Active Learning: children are motivated to learn and concentrate through an exciting and stimulating curriculum showing high levels of energy and having pride in their individual achievements;

Creating and thinking creatively: children are confident to show higher level thinking skills, following their own ideas and interests as they make predictions and solve problems

Unique Child:

Aims: For children to become inquisitive learners who ask questions, observe closely and are motivated to learn

For children to be confident using a range of technology to support their learning and develop life long skills

For children to become valued members of their community showing respect and understanding of others, including traditions, cultures and the natural world

Positive Relationships:

Aims:

To support children in understanding that people are different and help them to accept this in a positive way

To engage and encourage children to appreciate the wonder and awe of the natural world

To establish effective and valued relationships with parents, involving families in the community life of Appletree Nursery School to ensure the very best for their child

Enabling Environments:

Aims:

To provide a range of technology which encourages the children to explore different purposes and use this to support and extend their learning

To plan purposeful experiences which allow the children to explore different aspects of the world

To provide 'real' resources and images which ensure first hand experiences and ensure high quality learning

The Curriculum will involve...

A range of activities clearly showing growth, change and decay Educational visits to the local community

The use of ICT to enhance and further develop children's learning

A range of exploratory and investigative activities

How we will achieve the curriculum...

Ensure the environment both indoors and outdoors reflects the curriculum guidance for the EYFS.

Organise well-resourced areas of provision within the classroom which will be recorded through continuous provision planning.

Examine our current practice to identify the opportunities for children to have meaningful activities to promote their knowledge and understanding of the world.

Continually review the resources within nursery to ensure they provide opportunities for the children to learn about the world in which they live.

Utilise resources to enhance staff/children's knowledge.

Attend relevant training courses to update staff knowledge and ability

Assessment Aims

To continually monitor and evaluate children's learning through:

- a) Daily observations
- b) Targeting children and their development
- c) Following the assessment policy