

## Nursery provision at Sacred Heart Nursery and Primary School

In the Early Years the children are assessed against 7 different areas of learning. Below are examples of children taking part in activities that support those different areas of learning. The Nursery classroom is designed to support children in making progress in each of these 7 areas and activities are planned so that children can access these areas of learning daily either with an adult in a small group or independently during their self chosen play. The classroom is an additional teacher with every activity set up to extend children's learning. Planning in Nursery is through Objective-led which ensures all children receive tailored support in order to meet their full potential in a fun, welcoming and caring environment.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

Successful personal, social and emotional development is critical for very young children in all aspects of their lives. It is also a prerequisite for their success in all other areas of learning. At Sacred Heart, we provide the experiences and support which enables the children to develop a positive sense of themselves.



Sharing resources and working collaboratively – cooking pumpkin soup.



Involving others in their play.



Creating a dinosaur den.

## Communication and Language

Language and understanding depends on learning and being competent in a number of key skills, together with having the confidence, opportunity, encouragement, support and disposition to use them. This area includes speaking and listening in different situations and for different purposes and the understanding of different concepts.



Role play. Using language from stories. Singing songs and nursery rhymes. Using language to develop understanding of different concepts.

## Physical Development

During the early years foundation stage children grow rapidly. They develop confidence and control of the way they move and the way they handle tools and equipment. They need to be active and to move about in order to develop many of these fundamental skills. This area also covers children's self care.



Building and using assault courses



Daily Write Dance



Daily Dough Discos



Making our own sandwiches at the snack cafe



Moving like minibests!

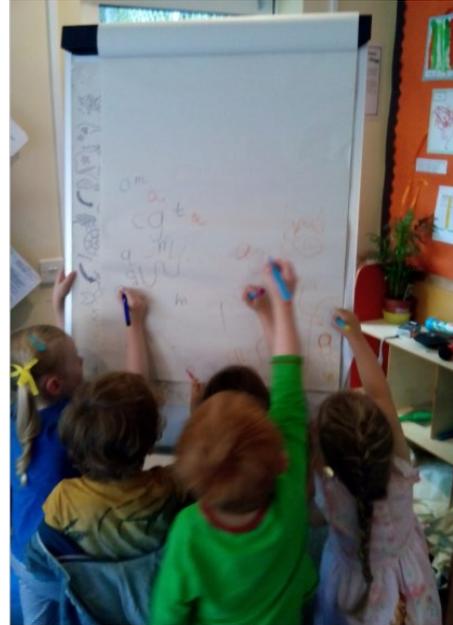


Balancing. Dough discos to develop fine motor skills. Funky Fingers activities to build on fine motor skills ready for writing. Parachute games. Building essential pivots by sweeping away chalk on the playground ready for developing a good pencil grip.



## Literacy

Development in this area depends on becoming confident and competent in learning and using key skills. This area of learning includes rhyming and rhythmic activities, developing an interest in books, listening to stories, recognising key words, mark making and writing for different purposes. The understanding of this is taught through stories, songs and Read Write Inc phonics so that children enjoy using and experimenting with reading and writing.



Write Dance, mark-making, listening to stories and songs and sharing books. Writing for a purpose. Learning the sounds letters make—phonics and reading and writing simple words when they are ready.



## Mathematics

Mathematical development depends on becoming confident and competent in learning and using key skills. This area of learning includes counting, sorting, matching, seeking patterns and working with numbers, shapes, space and measures. Mathematical understanding is taught through stories, songs, games and imaginative play, so that children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers.



Measuring height



Capacity



Squirting 'naughty' numbers



Recognising numbers, counting, finding patterns and seeing shapes in the environment.



Shapes in the environment

## Understanding the World

In this area of learning, children are developing the skills, knowledge and understanding that help them to make sense of the world. This forms the foundation for later work in science, history, geography, design and technology, and information and communications technology.



Food from around the world



Experimenting with fizzing, slime and so much more!



Growing vegetables



Caring for plants and animals. Growing our own vegetables and making bird feeders for the birds in the Jubilee Garden.



Exploring and using technology



## Expressive Arts and Design

Creativity is fundamental to successful learning. The aspects covered in this area include art, music, dance, role play and imaginative play. Being creative enables children to make connections between one area of learning and another and so extend their understanding.



Making a mess!



Concentrating and using their 'Funky Fingers' to create patterns and to build on their fine motor skills.



Watching a production of the Jungle Book with the rest of the school



Role play and dressing up.



Making a pirate ship and a working cannon!



Forest school art—finding flowers and crushing them to make symmetrical pictures



Dragon sculpture



Environmental art



Just having lots of creative, imaginative fun whilst we learn!



Making dragon legs to eat



Cooking in the mud kitchen



Dancing and singing

