



Meldreth Preschool
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Preschool observation, assessment and planning

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been trialling 'in the moment' planning this half term and we have found some really positive points as well as some things that aren't working so well. Following this, we have come together to create our own, bespoke version of 'in the moment' planning that will ensure all children's interests are recognised and celebrated as well as learning about different topics. Below are the key points that will form our observation, assessment and planning cycle and what you should expect moving forwards in the Summer Term.

Children's interests and shared learning:

- When your child starts with us, you will be asked to complete an 'All About Me' form which gives us vital information about your child and gives us a starting point in your child's learning and development.
- All children will be given an 'interests at home' form to complete for the term. Each key person will keep these and refer to them with the children. The interests of the children will inform our day to activities and future plans and provide great opportunities to explore subjects and events from home.
- Please continue to add photographs onto Tapestry of things you and your child/ren do at home as it happens and we will continue to talk about these at group times and with the children individually.

Observations:

- Your child's key person will write one long observation about your child each term. This will include photographs and details about your child's learning and development at preschool. This is where we will share our 'teaching moments' with you. You may find that there are several smaller observations forming a larger picture of your child's learning. There will not be a specific week or time that this will be done as we continue to use the 'in the moment' approach to capturing learning.
- You will no longer receive a weekly observation but will now see daily observations about what we have all enjoyed at preschool. This ensures we are in regular communication with you about your child's day.
- We will still record 'wow moments' as and when they occur.

Planning:

- Our planning will consist of two strands:
 1. 'Themes' will be planned throughout the year to introduce children to different ideas and experiences. There will be two 'themes' per half term. We will also plan for specific events and celebrations. There will be a mix of adult led activities and continuous provision (resources and activities set out for free play exploration).
 2. Children's interests will be planned for weekly/two weekly as they occur or from the 'interests at home' form. These will be planned for in group times and/or in our continuous provision both inside and outside.



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- Underpinning our whole planning throughout the year will be our Curriculum which will be split into the 2-3 year olds and 3-4 year olds. This will set out our expectations throughout the year for all children across the 7 areas of learning. This will be displayed in the hallway should you wish to take a look.
- We will also plan some visitors, outings and parent events throughout the year and will keep you up to date with them in our weekly roundup email.

Assessment:

- Each child has a 'can do' flower at Preschool and your child's key person will use this to see what wonderful things your child is achieving. These are directly linked the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. These are updated throughout the term and, at the end of the term, they will be photographed and added to Tapestry as an observation. The flowers are updated as we see children achieving new things at Preschool in play as well as from the conversations we have with parents about achievements at home. This is also how we form each child's next steps.
- The formal assessments you can expect during your child's time at Preschool are a 'two year check' (completed between the ages of two and three years old) and an 'End of Preschool' report when your child is going to school. These will both be available on Tapestry.

If you have any questions regarding this, then please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks.

Meldreth Preschool Team.