



# Nursery Curriculum Letter



13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome to 'Little Robins', our Nursery class. It has been wonderful to begin to get to know you and your children and we look forward to a super year.

Throughout your child's year with us, we will follow the 'Development Matters' curriculum, which provides a framework against which we teach, plan and assess. It is split into two areas of development – the Characteristics of Effective learning and the Prime/Specific Areas of learning. We will keep you posted through updates on 'Tapestry' about your child's achievements and experiences.

'Tapestry' is an online learning journal that allows us the opportunity to share your child's individual achievements, set home learning challenges and identify next learning steps. To maximize its potential, we would also like you to contribute to these by letting us know about 'Wow' moments in your child's development which you observe at home. We hope to have your log-in details ready by the end of next week.

In Nursery we provide lots of learning opportunities for your children and support them as they discover the world around them, extending their learning through questions we ask, extension of resources we provide and challenges we set. It is very much a child led, play based curriculum encouraging the children to develop independence and confidence.

Please note that we are very aware that quality learning occurs both inside and outside of our school buildings, so children will have "free flow" between the areas. It means that the classroom is sometimes a little chilly so please ensure children always have jumpers/cardigans and coats. The children also participate in lots of messy activities, playing in the mud kitchen, mixing paints and exploring a wide variety of sensory materials. We do our best to provide aprons, waterproof trousers and you have kindly sent in wellingtons but inevitably clothes will get dirty. It would also be a great help if each child had a spare pair of underwear in their bag in case of accidents.

The children are entitled to a snack during the course of the morning. The government provides fruit and milk and we would like to add a cracker/breadstick to this. We run a "rolling snack" as encouraged by OFSTED. The snack is available for around an hour mid morning. The children can choose when to come to the snack area or decide they don't wish for any that morning. As a team we encourage the children to have a snack and develop their independence in preparing and cleaning away after themselves.

We hope that this letter gives you an idea of how our Nursery operates. We strongly believe that partnership with you is the key to quality education, so please do be involved, feel free to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success with us.

We would like to invite you to a curriculum meeting on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 9.10am where you can ask any questions you may have.

Looking forward to working with you in the year ahead.

The Early Years Team