

Curriculum Statement

Intent

At Kingsley, we provide a well-structured curriculum which builds on the children's prior knowledge and understanding. Within the Early Years, staff plan a variety of learning opportunities which broadens the experiences of children. We have planned a progressive curriculum which is built around stories to engage and excite the children. Our chosen books are a mixture of traditional and diverse texts which enhance British values and cultural capital. Our inclusive curriculum ensures all children are given the time, space and opportunity to participate and engage at their own level. We are committed in supporting all children to reach their full potential. In our Early Years settings, we provide a stimulating learning environment which provides opportunity for challenge and learning through play. To ensure children are ready to begin their journey into Year 1 the Reception team promoting curiosity, vocabulary and a broad understanding of the world. It is crucial that we have a deepening understanding of how the prime and specific areas of the development matters fits in with the overall learning experiences as the children enter Key Stage one.

Implementation

We follow the EYFS 2021 framework and development matters through the Early Years settings. All staff at Kingsley pride themselves in forming positive relationships between themselves and children. We have policies and procedures followed to ensure we keep all children safe. All staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. We have an even balance between child-led and adult directed activities that engage and excite the children to remember the learning taking place. Throughout each topic, we use stories as a key theme to engage children in a range of cross curricular experiences. In Nursery, we provide interesting and inviting opportunities to develop prime areas and the foundations for specific areas of learning. The specific areas are developed in Reception through Systematic Synthetic Phonics and Maths No Problem! As well as building on prior topics and experiences from Nursery. Children are assessed on entry, mid-way and exit for each year and individual needs are targeted through play, intervention and adaptive teaching approaches. Kingsley prides itself on including all children in our enriching curriculum no matter what their needs maybe. Every child matters and we will always be inclusive to each child that comes through our doors. The outdoor area is a fantastic resource to promote skills taught inside but on a larger scale. When we are outdoors you will find staff scaffolding and facilitating play, playing alongside children to model play and vocabulary. Whether they are indoors or outdoors they will be conducting assessments through observations to further the children's development. Parental involvement is crucial to a successful curriculum. We involve parents in a range of ways through tapestry, mid-term reports and parent's evenings as well as a hand over at home time. Here at Kingsley, we love to show the exciting and engaging activities we have been up to. We use a mixture of floorbooks, workbooks and observations to do this. We are working closely with the year 1 team to ensure a successful and progressive transition into key stage one.

Impact

Through the implementation children will therefore be well prepared to enter key stage one with the skills and curiosity needed to become effective learners. Each child will have the prior knowledge and vocabulary needed to access a higher curriculum to deepen their understanding of previously taught topics. Children will be able to build on the foundations given to them in the EYFS and relate their prior knowledge to specific subject areas. By being exposed to this engaging and intriguing curriculum they will be independent in their thinking skills. Children will have had the opportunity to engage in a broad curriculum which has enhanced their experiences and developed an understanding of the world around them. Not only will this curriculum develop them educationally but it will enhance them to be supportive friends and understand the importance of respect, acceptance and compassion for both adults and other children.