

The Early Years Foundation Stage at Shute

Curriculum intent

We Celebrate the wonder of our local environment and understand our place in the diversity of the wider world.

- Connecting with nature and using our senses to explore through nature
- Connecting with community
- Geography, nature and culture of the UK
- Geography, nature and culture in the wider world

We nurture the children to become confident, resilient, kind and happy individuals.

- Understand and talk about their feelings
- Respect our classroom and look after our things
- Make friends and work collaboratively
- Organise their belongings and manage their self-care
- Promote a positive ethos of kindness towards others

We develop a positive attitude to number and develop a deep understanding of number to 10.

- Number is embedded in our environment, routines and daily activities and resources
- Develop the key number skills of subitising (instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them), counting, composition of number, comparing and ordering quantities and measures
- Develop spatial reasoning by exploring and experimenting with shapes

We support the physical development of gross / fine motor skills to build the child's confidence and capability to move and negotiate space.

- Learn to move in different ways with increasing strength and coordination
- Competently use a range of tools from pencils and scissors to knives and forks

We provide opportunities to build, make and create using many different materials.

- Construction including woodwork
- Cooking, baking and bread making
- Learn to stick and join together different materials
- Painting, drawing and modelling

We teach the class to read and write.

- Use a systematic phonetic approach to learn early reading and writing.
- Develop fluency in reading with daily practise.
- Provide lots of classroom opportunities to read and write for a purpose.

We develop a love of stories, books and poems.

- Actively listen and engage with stories
- Learn new vocabulary
- Speak in well formed sentences
- Discuss and express views and feelings

We support children to express their creativity and imagination

- Listen to a range of music and learn to move to music in different ways
- Rich resources to encourage imagination and storytelling through play
- Performance based activities to re-tell our own stories, perform poems and songs