



Creswell C of E Infant and Nursery School

'In the Moment' Planning Information for Parents/Carers

What is 'In the Moment' Planning?

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum asks us to consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development for each child in our care. 'In the Moment Planning' is a model that allows us to personalise the children's learning, capturing the interests of each individual child. Our Foundation Stage team therefore take into consideration the interests of our children by what we set up in our environment, how we interact with the children and by recognising 'teachable moments'.

What are 'teachable moments'?

Teachable moments are about recognising that young children often learn in a more informal and creative way. We therefore aim to encourage learning through the activities the children have chosen themselves, whilst providing challenge and open ended questioning when needed.

What will we do?

- We will work with parents/carers to create environments that will spark the children's interest.
- We will observe and listen closely to the children's play.
- We will interact with children appropriately for example by asking questions that stimulate curiosity and challenge thinking.
- We will praise and reinforce positive learning experiences.

How do we record this learning?

On a weekly basis, our staff will select a few focus children, so that every child is a 'focus child' for 1 week of each term. The focus children will be observed, assessed and planned for. When your child has been chosen you will receive a planning document to complete. Please reply with any details you may want to share e.g. any exciting news, anything happening at home, family celebrations/traditions etc. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions, and add photos of your child at home. Please ensure you do this by the date stated as they are key to documenting your child's learning and progression. We will then share our record of observations, photos, videos etc with you.

Will we still be including Maths and Literacy?

Yes, Maths and Literacy are both key areas within the Early Years curriculum and we will be covering both of these through a combination of focus sessions and play based activities. We follow Letters and Sounds Phase 1 which includes listening walks, identifying sounds, exploration of sounds and sound games. More information can be found at...

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf

There are also a variety of free Letters and Sounds games you can play with your child at...

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1> and Maths games at...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

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