

Curriculum Focus

Although we do work across the curriculum every year, we had a big push on literacy last year—you may remember! The introduction of the writing baskets now means most children can be found with a pen in their hand at some point in the morning! This year, we're going to have a focus on numeracy and maths. There will be more emphasis on two and three dimensional shapes, measuring, sorting and number recognition.

East Renfrewshire Initiatives

From a managerial point of view, I shall continue to work towards East Renfrewshire's 'Family Friendly' Gold Award. The Nursery achieved silver status in 2016 so gold is the next goal.

Staffing

We'll have the challenges of recruiting someone to cover Mrs Charalambous maternity leave come Xmas time, and as I've already informed you all, Heather Nolan and I will be working closely with Eleni till December so we can both continue to contribute to their educational journey in Eleni's absence.

Parental Involvement

As always, there will be loads of events for you to attend and I do encourage you to get as involved as you can in nursery life. Being a parent run nursery, you really have the chance to help steer the direction of our nursery and play a part in keeping it here, serving the families of Clarkston and the surrounding areas.



Clarkston Nursery Improvement Plan

Priorities 2018-2019

We are always looking for ways to improve the nursery so we thought we'd share with you some of the exciting things we have planned for the coming year here in Clarkston Nursery. Your thoughts and input are always very welcome and if you see an initiative in the leaflet you're particularly keen to get involved in, just let me know.

Please take some time to read this leaflet and speak to any staff member about any questions or comments you may have.

Health & Well-being

As you know, we've recently begun to develop our garden area and the children are loving it!! In the coming academic year, the team and I will be looking at ways to make sure the children can access the curriculum whether they are inside the nursery or outdoors. We'll be creating opportunities for numeracy and mark making in garden area, as well as offering small world experiences for their imagination, construction to help with fine motor skill development and open ended activities which will fire creativity and imagination.

We'll be adding to the resources a bit at a time as we don't want the space to be overcrowded. We're also going to purchase a small shed which will allow us to purchase some resources to rotate and we can store them outdoors. This should ensure the garden is refreshed regularly and children have access to changing, stimulating activities.



Parental Involvement

I'm always looking for ways to build links between the nursery and the families who use our service. This year, I'm introducing two new initiatives which I'm hoping you will get involved in.

Firstly, there will be a monthly coffee morning which you're all invited to. It will be very informal. Just join us in the wee hall once you've dropped your child into the playroom. The main idea is to provide you with a platform for getting to know each other. There is no substitute for chatting to other parents who are dealing with all the same challenges as yourself! A different staff member will host this each month so you'll also have the opportunity to find out what's going on in nursery. I do hope you'll come along.



The other *Home to Centre* activity we're introducing is Travelling' Ted! The children will all get a turn of bringing our nursery bear home to spend the weekend with you. Don't worry, we'll give you everything you need to look after him! There will also be a camera and a journal in his bag, so if you could tell us a bit about what Ted gets up to with your family, that would be much appreciated.