

Willow Tree Primary School

TODDLER ROOM

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE



We follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** to ensure children make strong beginnings in their learning and development. We support every child to learn through play, exploration and positive relationships. This prepares them for learning now and in the future.



COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE



- Enjoy listening to songs, stories and rhymes
- Join in with simple words and sounds
- Begin to use words to express needs
- Enjoy talking and listening in back and forth interactions

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



- Develop gross motor skills through active play
- Climb, balance, run, push and pull
- Use hands and fingers to explore and manipulate
- Begin to feed and dress with support

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- Feel safe, happy and secure
- Build strong relationships with adults and friends
- Begin to show kindness and take turns with support
- Begin to express feelings

SENSORY & EXPLORATION



- Explore using all senses – touch, sight, sound, smell and taste
- Explore materials with different textures
- Notice changes in their environment
- Show curiosity and interest in new things

LITERACY



- Enjoy looking at books and pictures
- Listen to stories and point to pictures
- Enjoy songs, rhymes and nursery rhymes
- Begin to show interest in print and books

MATHEMATICS



- Enjoy counting songs and number rhymes
- Explore shapes and colours
- Notice size – big, small, tall, short
- Begin to match, sort and build

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD



- Explore people and places
- Notice differences in ourselves and others
- Explore natural objects and change in the environment
- Use simple technology in play (toys, tablets)

BUILDING STRONG BEGINNINGS EVERY DAY

Through play, routines and positive interactions, we help toddlers grow in confidence and ability.



FEEL SAFE & LOVED

We build trust and security through warm, caring relationships.



PLAY & EXPLORE

We learn through play, curiosity and hands-on experiences.



MOVE & BE ACTIVE

We develop our bodies and enjoy moving in lots of different ways.



CREATE & IMAGINE

We enjoy music, art, role play and using our imaginations.



COMMUNICATE & CONNECT

We share, listen and talk, building our language every day.



LEARN & GROW TOGETHER

We celebrate our achievements and support each other.



We believe every toddler is unique and amazing. We create a fun, safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive, develop and be ready for their next steps.



growing, learning, achieving together