

Communication and Language

Development involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development

Involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control and movement. Children are also helped to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others: to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Literacy

Development encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems and other written materials) to ignite their interest.

Prime Areas

Little Pedlars' Principles

Overarching principles:-

- Unique child
- Positive relationships
- Enabling environments
- Children develop and learn in different ways and rates

Three characteristics of effective learning are :-

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

All children have their own key person, learning story and individual learning plan

Specific

Mathematics

Involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems, and to describe shapes, spaces and measures.

Areas

Understanding the World

Involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Involves enabling children to explore and play with a range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role play and design and technology.