



Speldhurst Nursery Prospectus



Speldhurst Nursery is run in the village hall by Mrs Elizabeth Pannell B.Ed. Hons. and her team of 12 dedicated and enthusiastic staff.

Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy are taught through practical activities. Children learn to compare, sort, match, sequence and count. Mathematical language and concepts such as size, quantity, shape and number are introduced and developed.

Each child is encouraged to develop as an individual, building self esteem and confidence. We teach social skills by helping children to care for and share with others.

Language and literacy; the children develop their observational skills and learn to recognise their own name, objects, shapes and letters of the alphabet. Opportunities are made for them to speak within large and small groups. Games are played to improve listening skills and develop recognition of sounds. The children are encouraged to look at books, listen to stories and thereby begin to appreciate the value of the written word.

Development of physical skills is important for children. We help them to develop both fine and gross motor skills, co-ordination, balance and mobility.

Healthy eating is a key part of our policy. Children have either milk or water to drink at snack time along with a selection of fruit, vegetables, bread sticks, crackers or a sample of something they have cooked/prepared during the session.

Understanding and knowledge of the world is taught through themes which change each half term. In this way children learn about a variety of subjects including families and communities, science and technology, other countries and cultures. Children are encouraged to bring photos or objects from homes which are relevant to the topic.

Rules are minimal and based in common sense. At all times we expect children to respect each other and the adults they work with. Older children are encouraged to help the younger ones and to be considerate towards them.

Security is taken very seriously. There are clear procedures which ensure that children are collected only by their main carer or an authorised adult.

Together with you we prepare your child for the future. We offer individual consultation during the summer term.



Next steps are important to us, we have a close relationship with local primary schools and our children are invited to attend special assemblies and concerts. In this way they start to become familiar with the wider world of education.

Unrestricted access to an outdoor area is a requirement of the Early Years curriculum. We operate a free flow system and have a secure outside area with a range of toys and equipment.

Role play, music and movement are part of our provision for creative development. Children are encouraged to develop their creativity in a wide variety of ways. We believe that the creative work of the children should be free over engineering by adults!

Settling is often a concern for new parents. We encourage parents to bring and stay with their children at least once in the term before they start. We prefer that children are able to use the toilet before they begin nursery. Children may feel more secure with a special toy or comforter in the first weeks. We are happy to accommodate this especially if the toys can be named.

Every child is encouraged to participate in the themes we choose by bringing objects from home connected with the theme. In this way children are encouraged to be interested in the world around them.

Routine is an important security for young children. Our sessions follow a similar pattern on most days. Parents are welcome to stay with their child for at least one session so that they too are familiar with the general pattern of nursery life.

Your child can wear their own clothes to nursery with tracksuit bottoms being a favourite. Speldhurst Nursery sweatshirts and tee shirts are available and help children to identify with each other. We hope that children will wear shoes with Velcro fastenings and appropriate for the inside/outside nature of the session.

