



Learning and Development Policy

There are 7 areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage that forms the educational program at Tiddlywinks preschool.

All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

Three areas are particularly critical for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. These three areas, are the **prime areas**, which are:

- *Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- * Communication and Language
- *Physical Development

Tiddlywinks also supports children in four **specific areas**, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

- * Literacy
- * Mathematics
- * Understanding the World
- *Expressive Arts and Design

Our planning involves activities and experiences for children as follows:

* **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 behavior in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

* **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 helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

* **Literacy development** involves 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.

***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.

***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 wide 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.

Signed.....Owner/Manager

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