

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

IN OUR 2'S PROVISION WE FOCUS ON THE PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING.
THE PRIME AREAS ARE FOUNDATIONAL AND CRUCIAL FOR CHILDREN'S FUTURE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

THEY ARE:

1. PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PSED)
2. COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE (CL)
3. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (PD)

OUR CURRICULUM IS BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S INTERESTS AND UNDERPINNED BY COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AS OUR CHILDREN SETTLE INTO THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS OUR FIRST AIM IS TO HELP THEM DEVELOP A SENSE OF SELF AND BELONGING, BEGIN TO FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF AND CHILDREN AND START TO LEARN THEIR NEW ROUTINES AND BOUNDARIES. WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH GETTING TO KNOW THEM AS INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING WHAT THEY ENJOY AND WHERE THEY LIKE TO PLAY. WE WILL BEGIN TO DO CIRCLE TIME GAMES AND SONGS TO PROMOTE TURN TAKING AND HELP THE CHILDREN TO LEARN EACH OTHERS NAMES. WE WILL USE VISUALS, SUCH AS PICTURES ON STAFF LANYARDS AND A PICTURE TIMETABLE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN FOLLOWING THEIR NEW ROUTINES. STAFF WILL MODEL SKILLS SUCH AS TURN TAKING AND SHARING USING ROLE PLAY AND SIMPLE LANGUAGE TO DEVELOP EACH CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

OUR AIMS OVER THIS HALF TERM ARE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THEIR LISTENING SKILLS TO ENABLE THEM TO RESPOND USING WORDS AND NEW VOCABULARY. AS THE CHILDREN BECOME MORE CONFIDENT IN THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS WE WILL HELP THEM TO FOLLOW SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS. WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH DAILY STORY AND RHYME TIME, DURING WHICH STAFF WILL USE ACTIONS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTE JOINING IN. DURING PLAY, STAFF WILL USE A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP TALKING AND LISTENING SKILLS, INCLUDING USING QUALITY INTERACTIONS AND VISUALS. AS A RECOGNISED ELKLAN COMMUNICATION FRIENDLY SETTING, OUR ENVIRONMENT IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP ALL CHILDREN'S SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME, PLEASE VISIT THE ELKLAN WEBSITE;

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PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

THROUGH PROVIDING PURPOSEFUL PROVISION AND QUALITY INTERACTIONS IN PLAY, CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN LOTS OF ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS. THIS WILL INCLUDE EXPLORING THE OUTSIDE AREA, IN WHICH WE HAVE EQUIPMENT TO PROMOTE BALANCE AND CORE STRENGTH THROUGH CLIMBING AND MOVING. THE SMALLER RESOURCES HELP TO DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS AS CHILDREN NEED TO MANIPULATE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS FILLING AND POURING WATER OUT OF DIFFERENT CONTAINERS DURING EXPLORATIVE PLAY. STAFF WILL BEGIN TO ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT AND DANCE DURING CIRCLE TIME TO DEVELOP ALL PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT. CHILDREN WILL ALSO LEARN TO MANAGE THEIR OWN SELF-CARE WITH SUPPORT, DURING TOILETING AND SNACK TIME WE WILL ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE WITH LOTS OF PRAISE!