

Selecting Play Equipment and Toys

The toys and equipment in Nursery provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration. The equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children
- Offers challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills
- Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities
- Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem-solving
- Will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning goals
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well made.
- We have a risk assessment that ensures checking all equipment / toys are safe and in working order before allocated to each area of the setting.
- All equipment is cleaned and sterilised half termly.
- Every Child's Talker is being implanted within the nursery. The lead person in our setting is Sarah Fortuna. Sarah is overseen by Karen Lucas. This has benefited our nursery and the children, as we have specialised new equipment and toys.
- We have a good selection of toys reflecting the seven areas of learning, and examples of these are shown in the gallery section of our website.

Signed on behalf of the Nursery _____