

Nursery

In Nursery, we pride ourselves on follow the children’s interests and lines of enquiry. The team plan some carpet time focussed sessions using the Cornerstones topics, however, we also ensure we are adopting an ‘In the moment’ approach to developing their learning, through following the children’s interests and extending their learning by enhancing their resources within the curriculum.

‘In the moment’ planning is based on 3 characteristics:

- **The Child's Spark** – This is when the child first shows an interest in something. ...
- **The Teachable Moment** – The teacher will notice this and approach the child. ...
- **The Documentation** – At a later date, you can document the observation.

Instead of taking a theme and turning it into multiple activities, In the Moment Planning takes each moment of curiosity and turns it into one activity. This strategy allows staff to carefully observe where the learner’s interest lies and design activities that are tailored toward those interests. Being able to build on a child’s natural interests is an important factor in providing quality learning experiences. Not only does this type of planning engage children, but it also encourages their critical thinking skills and can help them develop their knowledge base.

This type of planning also helps staff to focus on the individual needs of each child. By taking time to observe and analyse the reactions of each individual, it is possible to consider their likes and interests when creating activities. In the moment planning optimizes the learning process by continuously moulding activities according to what works best for a particular child. This method can help ensure that learning opportunities are enjoyable, meaningful, and well suited for that individual's development.

<u>Nursery</u>		<u>Term 1</u>		<u>Term 2</u>		<u>Term 3</u>	
	<u>Driver project</u>	 Me and My Community	 Once Upon a Time	 Starry Night	 Dangerous Dinosaurs	 Sunshine and Sunflowers	 Big Wide World
	<u>Mini project</u>	Exploring Autumn	Sparkle and Shine	Winter Wonderland	Puddles and Rainbows	Shadows and Reflections	Splash