



Little Crickets Pre-school

Learning through play

Advice for parents on how you can get the most out of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), to help your child develop, learn, achieve and be happy.

How Does Planning work?

All children learn best when they are engaged and interested in what they are doing. All planning for individual children is based on what interests them and what they enjoy.

During Pre-school sessions your child's key person will make notes, observations and take photos of the things your child is doing and what interests them. This information is then used to plan for the children individually and as a group.

We follow the EYFS as a guide to each child's stage of development and to help us decide what is appropriate for the next step in their learning.

Where do parents fit?

You know your child more than anyone else. If we don't have your input in your child's development, part of the 'jigsaw' which makes up the picture of the whole child is missing. Sometimes children do things at home which they wouldn't have the confidence to do at pre-school. If you don't tell us, we won't know.

How can I contribute?

We would love all parents to add information to their child's 'learning journey' either by writing on the parent page, by filling in an observation form, by sticking in photos or by discussing it with their key person.

Your child's key person will be happy to discuss your child's development with you and listen to any ideas you may have for next steps.

How do I look at my child's 'learning journey'

The 'learning journeys' are in bright yellow files by the door. These files belong to you and your child. You are welcome to look at your child's file any time. If you wish to take it home please let your key person know as we work on them daily

How can I find out what my child is doing at Pre-school?

- Each half term we write a newsletter which tells you some of the things we plan to do.
- Ask us! We are always very happy to tell you about your child's day, even if we appear busy. If you would like to, you can make an appointment with your child's key person.
- Each child's file is full of photos and information about what your child has done at pre-school
- Ask your child!

Remember your child's key person will always be happy to spend time with you.