

# Learning is Child's Play at



## Brown Bear Childcare

Brown Bear Childcare is committed to learning through play by providing first-hand experiences that are exciting and fun for your child to learn and develop.

**The EYFS** Early Years Foundation Stage is the stage of a child's development between birth and 5 years, the child remains at this stage until the end of reception year at school. We follow the same curriculum as schools to ensure that we provide high quality care and learning in partnership with families.

The EYFS identifies 3 areas of learning as 'prime' and 4 areas as 'specific'.

### **Prima areas:**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development  
Communication and Language  
Physical Development

### **Specific areas:**

Mathematics  
Understanding the World  
Literacy  
Expressive Arts and Design

Prime areas are fundamental, generally develop first, and support development in all other areas. The specific areas include essential skills and knowledge to enable children to participate successfully in society. The experiences nursery provides will underpin the skills needed to work towards the Early Learning Goals, which children are expected to reach by the end of their reception year.

### **The Importance of Early Years:**

In recent years there has been a growing awareness of the crucial importance of our earliest experiences in shaping our values, attitudes and outlook on life. It is recognised that it is during the early years that a child's brain develops rapidly and we work to support that development to its full potential. We want to make sure that together with you, the parents, we lay the firmest foundation for your child's future



### **Parents have an important role to play:**

Learning doesn't just happen at nursery, children are learning all the time through experience, observation, play, exploration at home or out and about with family. Be generous with time, praise and cuddles and you will provide your child with a secure base from which to establish relationships and confidence.

### **Things to do at home:**

- Let your child see you reading & writing
- Count the stairs as you climb them
- Let them help with cooking
- Enjoy books together
- Sing rhymes and songs
- Talk and listen at every opportunity
- Let them make shopping lists (marks on paper)
- Talk about numbers, words and letter
- Talk about shapes, colours and size
- Join in pretend play

### **How you can help at nursery:**

Messy-play – happens all the time at nursery, don't send your child in their best clothes. Please make sure they have a change of clothes in their bag each day.

Independence – we encourage independence, so clothes that are easy to get on and off are helpful, especially when toilet training.

Weather conditions- we play outdoors in all weather, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing.

Hot weather – sun cream, hat, t-shirt.  
Cold weather – warm coat, mittens, hat

Sensible shoes, not open toe sandals help to keep children safe from trips and falls.