

Little Stars Nursery

Nursery Provision for 2 year olds

Dear Little Stars Families,

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you had an enjoyable summer! A big hello to all our new children and their parents who are joining Little Stars this term.

This year we have an additional member of staff. Rianna, will be working in our 2 year old provision, getting to know the children and supporting their learning alongside our current practitioners Laura and Rebecca.



Autumn Term Topic

This term our Topic focus will be Animals and Sea Creatures. The children will be introduced to lots of different animal songs and stories and have the opportunity to be creative exploring colour and texture both inside and outside.

Our focus in Little Stars however is predominantly around the prime areas of learning. **Personal, Social and Emotional, (PSED)** **Physical Development (PD)** and **Communication and Language (CL)**. Therefore our provision is centred around developing these skills with the children.



How to help with learning at home



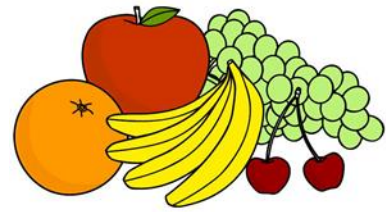
Messy Play, Outdoors and Indoors

Please be aware that Messy play is part of learning and development. Children using their hands and fingers promotes fine motor development such as finger dexterity, hand strength and shoulder strength. These skills are the building blocks for future handwriting.

Messy play also helps children to understand how things feel, such as textures and temperatures. Children can develop many great pre-writing skills with messy play through pouring, scooping, and grasping while perfecting eye-hand coordination skills.

If you are concerned about children's clothes getting messy, please bring them to Little Stars in older clothes as children will be exploring different textures and materials.

Additional notes for parents:



Snack Times

Just a reminder that Little Stars Nursery provides snacks such as fruit for children throughout the day. Please do not bring in your own snacks for your child unless your child has a particular dietary requirement that has been discussed with the Little Star practitioners prior to your child starting.

It is also really important that children eat breakfast before they come to Nursery. Little Stars snack time is later in the session and without breakfast your child will find it difficult to settle into their play session.



Weather

Can we also remind parents that Little Stars is an Early Years provision that will go into the outdoors in all weathers. This is an important part of child development. Playing outdoors in the fresh, chilly, open air can boost children's immune systems, developing their ability to fight off infections and build resistance to allergies. Research has shown that school children who participate in active play outside are healthier than their peers. Therefore, please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for changes in temperature. All children must bring a coat and have suitable footwear for playing outside.

Gates



When dropping or picking your child up at Little Stars, please can we remind parents to stay outside of the 2 year old fence. We will bring the children out to you. This enables the practitioners to finish the end of their session and hand over the children in a calm manner.

If you have any questions or concerns please talk to the Little Stars practitioners at the beginning or end of the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Little Stars Team.

