

Abacus Nursery - Our Intent

At Abacus our intent is to provide an environment where children are happy, confident, nurtured and valued. Our curriculum is the cultural capitol we know our children need to thrive. Each day we will offer challenges and opportunities to widen experiences and extend every child's learning; following their curiosity and interests. Our curriculum celebrates individuality and supports each child's, moral, social and emotional development so that they feel safe and are ready to embrace learning at every opportunity.

Our curriculum covers all areas of the early years foundation stage and follows all statutory requirements. We use themes to follow the children's interests, and although planned to ensure we offer a variety of activities and experiences we will always embrace spontaneity! We offer both child and adult led opportunities that are ambitious and differentiated to meet all of our children's needs. Our aim is to help children establish a 'life-long love of learning' through providing an exciting curriculum, supported by passionate practitioners who understand how children develop and their diverse needs. At Abacus we support our children to become independent, confident learners where mistakes are celebrated. Staff model and introduce rich language at every opportunity; stories and songs are an integral part of each day. To help track individual children's learning we have created our own Abacus goals, these goals have several small steps to them which we call milestones. All children are encouraged and supported to achieve these goals before moving on to primary school. Each key person will also create specific next steps for each child related to their individual needs and plan activities to help them achieve these next steps.

Many activities have a written intent at Abacus to help guide and support children's development. However we understand that learning cannot be rigid in early years and that an activity could in fact have many desired outcomes so staff are skilled at observing and assessing learning that is taking place.

We aim for all children to leave Abacus with a sense of belonging and high self-esteem, ready to start school with the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners.

Our Mission Statement

To provide, a 'home from home' environment where children's needs come first. Staff work in partnership with parents/carers and outside agencies to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential, in fun and safe surroundings.

Our Ethos

Learning Through Play - We aim to provide a caring, safe and stimulating environment where children can play and learn. Where each child can be embraced and encouraged to develop their own unique self. We offer a variety of resources but understand that children learn best through play and interaction, so no opportunity is wasted!