

The Early Years Curriculum



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This area looks at supporting children to develop a sense of themselves, social skills and respect for others and a positive attitude to learning. Children's emotional well-being also needs to be supported in order to help them understand and manage their feelings and behaviour.

Physical Development



This area looks at supporting children in using their senses and bodies to explore the world around them and make connections between new and existing knowledge. They should have the chance to be active and interact with things to improve their skills of coordination, control, manipulation and movement. Children also need to develop an understanding of healthy living practices.

Communication and Language



This area looks at supporting children's developing competence in listening and understanding as well as speaking and communicating. Children should be given opportunities to build these skills and gain confidence to use them in a range of situations.



Understanding the World

This area looks at supporting children in developing the knowledge, skills and understanding to help them make sense of their world. They should be able to explore creatures, people, plants and objects and undertake practical 'experiments.'



Maths

This area looks at supporting children to develop their understanding of numbers, calculating, shapes, space and measures.

Literacy



This area focuses on learning the skills needed for reading and writing. This includes singing and playing games like I-Spy.



Expressive Arts and Design



This area looks at supporting children in developing their creativity by providing a range of opportunities, materials and media in which to express themselves and use their imaginations. The children should be encouraged to explore and share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Hello and welcome back to Triangle Nursery School!

I'd like to introduce myself; my name is Luke Page and I am the new Head of School. I look forward to meeting all of you over the coming weeks and getting to know you and your children. I have come from one of our Federated Nursery Schools and am very excited about moving to Triangle.

I am passionate about supporting children's development and believe play is fundamental in helping a child grow and learn. Learning should be fun and children should be supported to feel confident and empowered to try new activities and take risks. I also believe books are very important in supporting children's development and I am excited that Emily is currently revamping and reorganizing our library ready for you to use.

I am very pleased to be working with a very talented and experienced staff team. Many of you will have met Emily, Matu, Shukri, Suzanne, Nicola, Lucky and Mauricio last year and they are a very enthusiastic and committed team of adults who will continue to creatively and thoughtfully support your children. I would like to introduce Claire who has joined us who will be working with us as a Key Person and Early Years Educator. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her warmly.

On the back of this paper is a refresher for you of our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Please read through this and remind yourselves what we are teaching the children. Please come and see me if you have any questions and speak with your child's Key Person if you want some ideas with how to support learning at home. We will be sending out a newsletter each half term with our teaching focuses and would encourage all families to become fully involved in their children's learning.

Through the year we will be having coffee mornings and curriculum focused workshops that should enable you to further understand what it is we are teaching and how important your role is in helping your child to develop a positive attitude to learning. If there are any specific curriculum areas you would like to discuss, please feel free to come and see me and request this. Popular workshops held in the past include supporting early reading and writing and making confident talkers, how to encourage fun with maths and how to develop children's spoken language and understanding.

Please come and say hello if you see me! My email address is lp@trianglenursery.org. Please do not hesitate to ask for me or send me a message. I look forward to a fantastic and enjoyable year!

