

1. Our Vision

At Tiny Toes Preschool, our vision is to create a happy, safe, nurturing and stimulating environment where every child feels valued, loved and confident to explore, discover and learn.

We believe that every child is unique and deserves the opportunity to develop at their own pace. Through meaningful play, positive relationships and exciting learning experiences, we aim to nurture children's curiosity, creativity, independence and love of learning.

We want every child at Tiny Toes to develop the confidence and skills they need to become happy, independent and enthusiastic little learners, ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

Our approach is built around the belief that **every little step is a big achievement.**

2. The Seven Areas of Learning

Our curriculum follows the seven areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These areas support children's development and provide opportunities to learn through play, exploration and everyday experiences.

The seven areas are divided into three prime areas and four specific areas.

The three prime areas



1. Communication and Language

We encourage children to develop their listening, understanding and speaking skills through conversations, stories, songs, rhymes and playful interactions.

We support children to:

•Develop new words and vocabulary.

•Listen and respond to others.

•Express their thoughts, needs and feelings.

•Enjoy stories, songs and conversations.

2. Physical Development



We provide opportunities for children to develop their strength, balance, coordination and fine motor skills through active play and practical activities.

We support children to:

•Run, jump, climb and balance.

•Develop hand-eye coordination

•Explore drawing, painting and mark-making.

•Develop independence in self-care and healthy habit

3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We help children develop confidence, positive relationships and an understanding of their own feelings and the feelings of others.

We support children to:

•Build friendships and relationships.

•Develop confidence and independence.

•Recognise and express emotions.

•Learn to share and take turns.

•Develop kindness, respect and empathy.

The four specific areas

4. Literacy



We encourage a love of books, stories, rhymes and early writing through enjoyable and meaningful activities.

We support children to:

•Enjoy stories and picture books.

•Recognise familiar letters and sounds.

•Develop listening and storytelling skills.

•Explore early mark-making and writing.

5. Mathematics



We introduce early mathematical concepts through practical activities, games and everyday experiences.

We support children to:

•Develop counting skills.

•Recognise numbers, colours and shapes.

•Explore patterns and sorting.

•Understand size, quantity and measurement.

•Develop early problem-solving skills

6. Understanding the World



We encourage children to explore and make sense of the world around them through observation, discovery and hands-on experiences.

We support children to:

•Learn about people, families and communities.

•Explore animals, plants and nature.

•Discover different environments and cultures.

•Investigate weather, seasons and simple science.

7. Expressive Arts and Design



We provide opportunities for children to express their imagination, creativity and ideas through art, music, movement and pretend play.

We support children to:

•Explore painting, drawing and craft.

•Enjoy music, singing and dancing.

•Develop imagination through role play.

•Explore different materials, textures and sounds.



3. Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

At Tiny Toes Preschool, we recognise that children learn in different ways. We encourage and nurture three important characteristics of effective teaching and learning, helping children become confident, curious and motivated learners.

1. Playing and Exploring – Engagement

Children investigate, explore and experience things around them. They develop curiosity by trying new activities, discovering new materials and learning through play.

We encourage children to:

- Explore different toys and resources.Ask questions and investigate.
- Try new experiences.
- Use their imagination and curiosity.
- Learn through sensory and imaginative play.



2. Active Learning – Motivation

Children develop motivation and concentration when they are interested and involved in their learning. We encourage them to keep trying, practise new skills and feel proud of their achievements.

We encourage children to:

- Concentrate and remain engaged.
- Keep trying when something is difficult.
- Enjoy achieving something independently.
- Develop confidence and perseverance.
- Take pride in their accomplishments.



3. Creating and Thinking Critically – Thinking

Children develop their thinking skills by making connections, solving problems and developing their own ideas. We give children opportunities to think creatively, make choices and explore different possibilities.

We encourage children to:

- Make decisions and choices.
- Solve simple problems.
- Explore different ways of doing things.
- Make connections between experiences.
- Develop their own ideas and explanations.