A Parent's Guide to the Curriculum at Horden Nursery School





What is the curriculum?

The curriculum is everything we want the children to learn and experience in the time they are in nursery. It takes account of your child, their world, the world around them and the wider world.

Learning

Learning includes new skills, new knowledge and new words. Our intention is to equip children with the important communication, physical, emotional and academic skills they need for future learning.

Experiences

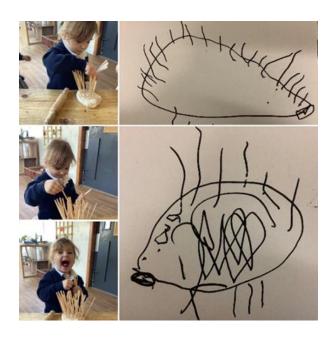
This includes all of the opportunities that we offer children. From the experiences available on a daily basis in nursery, to visits to different places, visitors who come to talk to us and special times we share such as hatching chicks and ducks and watching caterpillars change into butterflies.

Children learn much of our curriculum naturally through exploring and playing, and through the activities they choose to do themselves. We observe children closely to make sure that the activities we offer are motivating and linked to their interests.

Children also learn through the books, rhymes and songs that we introduce them to. These are carefully chosen and you can find a list of them in our Curriculum Document in the Playing and Learning section of our website. Watch out for these books and rhymes on Class Dojo. Repeated reading/singing of the same books and songs helps children to learn new words and develop understanding.

We hope that by the time children leave us they have:

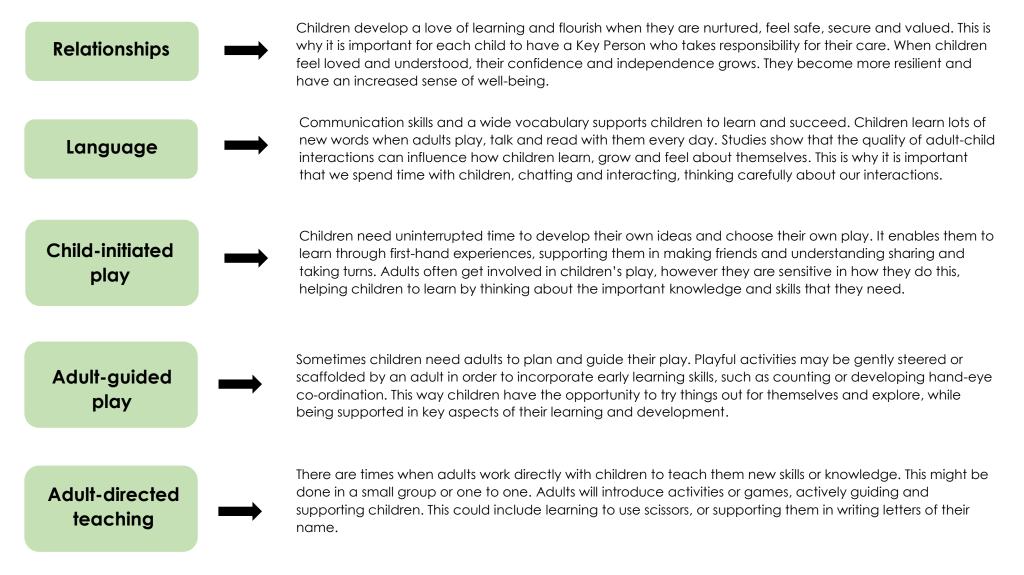
- A long lasting love of learning
- A sense of awe, wonder and curiosity
- A breadth of knowledge and skills
- A positive mindset, confidence and belief in themselves
- A 'voice'
- Skills that enable them to communicate and collaborate
- An understanding of their feelings and those of their peers
- Respect for themselves, others and the wider community
- The confidence to 'have a go', take risks and challenge themselves





How do children learn? How do we teach children?

There are lots of ways that young children learn and these shape our teaching. We use a balance of different approaches in our nursery. Some of the approaches we consider important are:



Children learn best through play, therefore we need to give them as many opportunities to explore and play as possible.

How can families support their child's learning?

Working with families is a huge part of our work and is so fundamental. You are the most important people in your child's life, and the ones who know the most about them. Not only do you love, encourage, guide and protect them, you also make a big difference to their learning.

Sharing information and ideas ensures that your child is supported in their learning both at nursery and at home.

- O Please look out for ideas and videos that we share on Class Dojo and our Facebook page. You can share and enjoy stories and rhymes that we read and sing at nursery, and try out ideas for playing together.
- O You can find lots of information by visiting the Parents and Carers section of our website and clicking on the <u>Help</u> <u>Your Child At Home</u> tab.
- O There are many more ideas on the Hungry Little Minds website
- O Read our <u>Curriculum Document</u> for more information
- O You can also access a guide for families called What to Expect in The Early Years Foundation Stage which can be accessed through the link below, or by scanning the QR code-<u>What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf</u> (foundationyears.org.uk)







