

Welcome to the Toddler Room

The Toddler Room offers many new, exciting and stimulating experiences, as well as keeping a warm, homely and caring atmosphere. The Toddler Room can care for up to nine children in a session and has three qualified members of staff. Your toddler will be assigned a Key Person who will help your child settle and liaise with you regarding their progress and achievements. At times, other staff members might be required to work alongside the toddler staff and this has the benefit of enabling your child to become familiar with other staff working within the nursery. A few weeks before your child starts in the Toddler Room, he/she will have had the opportunity to visit, steadily becoming used to the new environment.



How our day works

In the Toddler Room we have a wide range of activities encouraging both individual play, where your child can explore and learn through experience, and group activities to encourage social skills such as sharing and communication. We also offer sand and water play, music time and outdoor activities where the children can make use of bikes, pushchairs and large apparatus and enjoy the opportunity to run freely in an open space.

Throughout the day we offer floor play, such as construction and imaginative play, as well as table-top activities such as painting, playdough, drawing and puzzles.



Our aim is to treat your child as an individual. We feel that it is important that children receive one to one attention through stories and conversations, as well as play, thereby developing essential communication skills. Our 'Book area' provides the opportunity for children to sit quietly and look at books if they choose to do so, either with a member of staff or individually.



Daily Routine

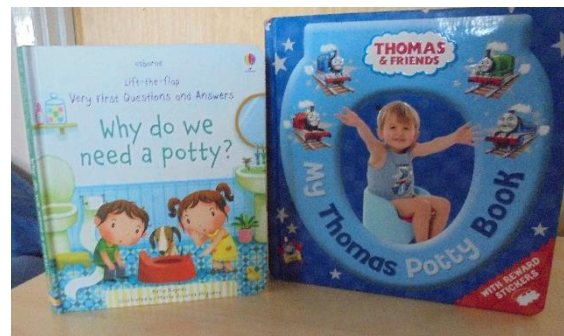
. 'Dayshare' is an electronic system we use to keep you informed regarding your child's individual day, including information detailing what they have eaten, when they have slept, had their nappy changed, and any activities they were involved in. You will also receive regular photographs. The children will be provided with a drink in the morning, with wholemeal toast and fruit, and lunch is at 11.45am. An afternoon drink is provided, and a healthy snack is served at around 3.30 pm. A weekly menu, provided by Zebedees (zebedees.co.uk) is available. The children eat together at mealtimes, and they are encouraged to use cutlery and to drink from a cup independently.



There will be a time in the day when your child may require a rest. There will be an opportunity to sleep whenever it is needed. Most of the children will sleep after lunch on a bed with their own sheet. We are happy to liaise with parents on an individual basis as to the sleeping and dietary requirements of their child.



If your child wears nappies, we ask you to provide these and they will be kept in a named basket. When you decide to potty train your child, we will work with you to ensure continuity.



It would be helpful if you could bring a set of spare clothes for your child, in case of accidents. We ask that you provide a named hat during the summer months. We use Boots Soltan Kids Once 50+ sun cream, unless you wish to provide an alternative. Warm coats, hats and gloves will be needed in the winter months as we use the outdoor facilities all-year-round. Your child will have a named peg in the hallway for bags and coats.

Garden Time

We make use of the outdoor facilities in all weathers! The garden is a continuation of our indoor environment, giving a variety of opportunities for large movement and exploration.



Under normal circumstances we are fortunate to be able to use the gym at Davison Leisure Centre (on-site) which enables us to use climbing beams, apparatus, and to partake in planned activities within a spacious indoor area.



In addition to the use of the designated garden and larger outdoor area, we take the toddlers out of the nursery to look at areas of interest such as the beach and the library, and other outings when possible.

Use of Sign Language (BSL)

Sign language is used to communicate throughout the nursery and has become increasingly popular over the last few decades. It is intended to help very young children to express their needs and wishes earlier than they could otherwise. Baby signing experts believe that frustration and tantrums can be reduced considerably by closing the gap between desire to communicate and the ability to do so. The nursery uses sign language at meal times, during singing and story time sessions and at nappy changing time/toileting. Handouts are available for you on request.



We very much look forward to getting to know you and your child and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask one of the team.