

Area of Learning:

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This area of Learning is all about making sense of the world the children are growing up in. Making them aware of the things, places and people around them.

Developing the foundation for future learning in National Curriculum subject areas of:

- Science;
- History;
- Geography;
- Design and Technology;
- Information and Communication Technology.

Children will be given many opportunities to experience activities first hand through investigations and experiments.

What activities will they experience in settings to develop a knowledge and understanding of the world?

- Children will be given lots of experiences which are practical and enable them to explore and investigate for themselves. A feely box full of different materials.
- They will be taken out on visits to see for themselves their own environment, shops, natural habitats.
- Children will be encouraged to make observations and ask questions.
- Children may observe the growth of seeds over a period of time. Watch what happens to snow when brought inside.
- Use a variety of tools for different activities, spades, scissors, saws, cutters.
- Children will use equipment like computers, tape recorders and examine how telephones and radios work.
- Children will be encouraged to draw and plan special events.
- Experience the foods and stories from other counties and countries.

How can I help my child at home?

- Encourage children to use their senses. What does it smell like? Ask children to feel different textures develop their vocabulary to describe it.
- Talk to your child about the changes in the weather and the seasons.
- Talk about events in the past and the future. Use photographs.
- When walking or travelling about, talk and name different landmarks, animals, plants, birds that are seen.
- Through books and television, discuss the differences between other countries and cultures. This could just be explaining that we are eating Chinese food. Pizza comes from Italy.