

# Lauder Primary School Nursery



## What Happens within the Nursery?

"It is through play that children learn about themselves and make sense of the world around them." Realising the Ambition (2020), p.49

In nursery we believe that children learn through play. We do this by ensuring our learning environment offers a broad and diverse range of rich experiences, where each area has opportunities for breadth and depth of learning.

Our journey starts when the children first come into the nursery. The staff will observe the children while establishing relationships with them. This will enable the children to feel secure, nurtured, and ready to learn.

**Observing** - This is a process staff go through to ensure that the provisions that we provide are of high quality, so that the children can develop their learning. Key observations are picked up and recorded for the children's next step in their learning journey.

**Planning** - Staff work as a team to plan next steps for the children. We plan primarily in a responsive way, therefore the children guide how the activities are matched to meet their next steps.

We aim to include our parents/carers in planning for next steps, as we fully recognise that learning is a partnership between home and nursery.

**Implementation** - Implementing is carrying out the activity or progressive next step opportunity. Staff engagement and interactions can be very important at this stage. Not every activity will produce the expected outcomes for the children. We have to be honest in this process to ensure that the development of future activities are well engaged by the children individually.

**Evaluation** - We use our floorbooks to evaluate our work in the nursery. We display them in the cloakroom area so that everyone has the opportunity to see what has happened in nursery on a daily basis. Don't worry if your child is not featured in the floor book. It doesn't mean they haven't been busy! Instead, they may have had their learning recorded in their own personal learning journey.

**Learning Journeys** - Each child is given a learning journey. This is a story of your child's learning journey when they are in the nursery and will include lots different things such as photos, pictures, speech bubbles, next steps and learning statements to name a few. Keyworkers are responsible for ensuring these contain progressive next steps that are meaningful and relevant for each child in the nursery. Learning journeys are shared with parents and carers regularly throughout the session.