



Baby Bumble Bees'

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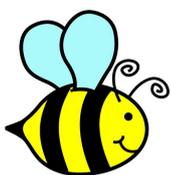
Welcome to Bumble Bees'

This booklet contains information regarding our Baby Room for new and existing parents. Being a baby is so precious and therefore we create a soft, comfortable and inviting environment for our Baby's to explore and develop.

Please look through the booklet to gain a more in-depth overview.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

See you soon!





Our typical day

8-8:30 Good Morning Free-Play

8:30-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:00 Free Play

10:00-10:30 AM Snack

10:30-11:40 Messy activities / free play

11:45-12:15 Lunch

12:15-2:00 Sleep time

2:10-2:30 PM Snack

2:30-3:45 Activities and Free-Play

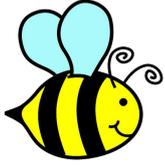
4:15-6:00 End of day Free-Play

The babies explore their own outdoor space throughout the day. Please provide suitable clothing and footwear

Music Session

Monday 10:00-10:30

*Weekly Spanish lessons



What is messy play?

The main feature of messy play is giving your child the freedom to investigate materials. This can include playing with sand and water, digging in mud or investigating porridge oats, shaving foam or 'gloop' (cornflour and water mixed together resulting in a fascinating substance). Nursery practitioners will try to keep your child protected by providing aprons, overalls and opportunities to wash their hands, but it is impossible to keep young children totally clean without inhibiting their important investigations.

BENEFITS OF MESSY PLAY

- Exploration and independence as children are free to investigate what they choose – from digging a hole with a twig to pouring water into different containers. It's an opportunity to take responsibility for their own play, rather than being told what to do.
- Development of co-ordination and body control as children practise hand-eye co-ordination and develop their motor skills.
- Stimulating their senses and imaginations they feel the sensation of shaving foam squidging through their fingers, hear cornflakes crunch under their feet or smell petals in their magic potion.
- Building curiosity and concentration as they have the freedom to experiment with different substances and investigate cause and effect: Does sand stick together better when it's mixed with water?
- Nurturing early numeracy skills by introducing them to concepts such as bigger and smaller, heavier and lighter.
- Encouraging social interaction such as turn-taking, negotiation and conversation skills as they work together.

<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/Features/article/parent-s-guide-early-learning-messy-play>

How will my baby be cared for in Bumble Bees'?



We pride ourselves on the high standards of care we provide for our Under two's.

In our Bumble Bees' room, we have an adult to child ratio of 1:3 and every child has both a primary and secondary Keyperson. The Keyperson takes responsibility for the child's personal care, liaises with parents and monitors developmental progress by completing a Learning Journey. Nappy changing, sleep arrangements and potty training (as appropriate) are planned to suit each individual child, in close consultation with parents.



What are treasure baskets?

Treasure baskets are filled with everyday items you might not normally think about giving your children to play with. Treasure baskets can be themed whilst others can be story baskets.

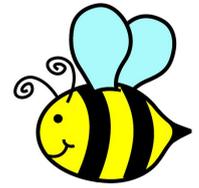
Treasure baskets are a great way for children to learn about and explore the wonderful world we live in. Little babies learn so much at such a young age simply by holding, touching, feeling or even by just looking at things. Then as they get older, they start to use their imaginations and senses along with the baskets and they start to tell their own stories!

At this stage all play is sensory exploration through fingers, hands and the mouth and so the greater the variety of material the greater the stimulation both for an infant's interest and brain development.



<https://www.froebel.org.uk/resources/elinor-goldschmied-s-treasure-basket/>
<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/blog/2018/05/22/the-appeal-of-treasure-baskets.html>

Frequently Asked Questions



Q) How do you support baby weaning?

A) The staff follow and support your baby in this transition. All food is cooked onsite by our Nursery Cook. The staff in the room will blend, mash and/or cut the food so it is safe for your baby to eat and explore different textures.

Q) Can my baby sleep any time in the day that I wish?

A) A day at nursery can be tiring for a little one so sleeps, and rests are recommended. Please inform the room staff of any sleep patterns.

Q) My baby has begun to bite. What is your policy and procedure on this?

A) We understand that babies bite to relieve teething pains and therefore help them with teething rings. Please look at our policy for further information regarding biting and unwanted behaviour.

Q) How are we kept updated throughout the day?

A) We have a system called iconnect for all staff to use. The staff upload meal, nappy changes, observations, photographs and videos for parents to access on 'Parent Zone' throughout the day for parents to be kept updated. Phone calls are also welcome any time throughout the day if you have any worries and would like to check up on your little one

Q) When does my baby move into the Toddler Room? What is the process of this?

A) Our babies transition into Toddler Room on their second birthday. They will have settling in sessions before joining, to become familiar with the newer environment, other staff and children. In some cases, our Toddler Room can take babies at 20 months, subject to availability.