

# The Curiosity Approach



Parent Document

# What is the Curiosity Approach?

“The Curiosity Approach is a modern day approach to Early Childhood Learning. It's a beautiful recipe book of wonderful ingredients, carefully mixed together with experience, passion and a love of Early Childhood.”



Children explore using authentic real resources that they may have experience with in their everyday life at home and around the world. We set up enchanting environments to create a world of magic and wonder for the children to have a home away from home as well as a magical enchanting land.



Children have curious minds and explore the environment, resources and activities with awe and wonder in their play as they build up valuable moments of deep play time.



The approach has a wide range of global inspiration and the children explore resources, activities and cultures from around the world. The nursery is a treasure trove to encourage awe and wonder at every turn.





# How is the Curiosity Approach implemented in the nursery?

We set up the environment daily for children to explore the joy of learning as they have access to real natural resources to spark awe and wonder in everyday play.



Children have access to a wide range of loose parts and upcycled materials to allow them to use their imagination to create and explore the process rather than the product.



Children learn and explore by using their senses to explore the world around them through natural resources and messy play, technology and ICT play and a collection of enchanting resources and well planned activities.





The nursery is set up to reflect the home environment and with all natural tones. The children are able to see the treasure shine through and play is always at the center of nursery without the distraction of bright coloured decorations and resources.



Children's mindfulness and wellbeing is at the forefront of learning and children enjoy the calm home like environment filled with items from home and images of their families and pets displayed.



The Curiosity Approach is spread through to the outdoor area and children explore the home and natural environment outdoors in all weathers learning valuable skills and knowledge about the world around them.



The nursery has excellent links with the local community and the children are at the heart of this community as they explore open air natural outings and



also learn real first hand experiences with trips to the supermarket to buy the fruit or trips to local businesses.



Our skilled team members are excellent at observing children's play and learning the balance of when to step in and build on development with outstanding interaction skills and when to observe from afar allowing children to have deep rooted exploration and build relationships with exciting imaginative play.



Staff use excellent open ended questions where there is no right or wrong answer to promote a willingness to talk and use vocabulary to discover what



children already know and build on their knowledge with discussions and extensions of vocabulary.



# How does the Curiosity Approach affect the nursery curriculum and EYFS?

The nursery follows its own around the world monthly curriculum that allows children to explore the natural world. The Curiosity Approach fits in with this hand in hand as children explore real resources from around the world to enchant their learning.



Children's development is supported, extended upon and evaluated by our skilled team of experienced practitioners that take part in daily observations, termly baseline assessments and reports to check where children are in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage.





All observations, trackers and reports are displayed on the Eylog app for parents and practitioners to have a joint approach to children's development and parents can share their home experiences and observations as well.



The around the world curriculum and the Curiosity Approach allow children to meet all of the aspects of the Early Years Foundations Stage Early Learning Goals whilst learning through deep play and displaying the Characteristics of Effective Learning in play and building experiences and knowledge for their future learning.



# How can you support the Curiosity Approach at home?

Families are able to follow the Curiosity Approach at home by involving children in the everyday running of the household. Children can be encouraged to help prepare meals, press buttons on equipment such as washing machines and telephones as well as supporting with home maintenance such as sweeping a floor or recycling empty packaging. All of the above allows children the skills they needs to practically succeed in life.





Provide children with a range of loose parts to explore and upcycled materials to allow children to explore using their senses and imagination. Children can build and create enchanting story lines without a toy being just one thing.



Give children real resources rather than play resources to allow them to explore the weight and texture of treasure like resources. Allow children to explore with awe and wonder and recognise those moment of deep rooted exploration.



Allow children to explore the outdoor natural world as much as possible. Take regular walks, collect natural items and have family time outside exploring all weathers.



Upload all special wow moments onto the Eylog app and have a hand in hand approach with the nursery to share children's play and knowledge and celebrate achievements together.





We hope you all enjoy  
this wonderful way of  
learning and sparking  
awe and wonder!