



# Weoley Castle Nursery School Curriculum Goals

## **Curriculum Goal: Understanding the World**

We intend to nurture and develop the knowledge and understanding that our children bring to nursery about the physical world and their local community. We want our children to understand their place in the community, with a knowledge and understanding of the world around them. We want our children to build a connection to the world around them with an appreciation for culture, community, diversity and sustainability. Our environment will be carefully resourced to represent our richly diverse community and families. We want our children talk about their similarities and differences, to develop empathy, respect and tolerance. To be caring to one another. We want our children to form positive and healthy relationships with others showing sensitivity to their needs.

### **Context:**

All of our planning has been done so with the context of our children and families at the forefront of our minds. We consider the type of housing they live in, social and economic context, language and communication needs such as EAL and language development and how all of these factors play a part in educational outcomes.

### **Educational Programmes:**

#### **EYFS 2021**

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them - from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

**First milestone:**

Settling in.

To settle into nursery, recognising that we have a nursery school family group.

To self-register and learn the names of friends and keyworker.

To be able to sign hello and group time.

Begin to make connections between home and nursery through role play, real objects and experiences e.g. Eid, Xmas, Diwali.

To recognise that we all belong to our nursery school family.

To recognise and celebrate family group photographs, which can be accessed/visited to promote wellbeing and security.

**What does this look like?**

Children will feel settled into their nursery school Family Group, aware that we have a family at home and a family at nursery, both of which we belong to.

**Second milestone:**

Children will confidently explore the indoor and outdoor learning environment.

Our calendar of celebrations and festivals will enable all children to learn more about the world around them; how we are different and how we are alike.

Engaging families with learning.

The seasonal calendar will provide learning opportunities to engage in arts, crafts, planting, growing and celebrating.

**What does this look like?**

Children will make connections between the features of their family and other families.

They will begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

In pretend play, children will imitate everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background.

Children will recognise and describe significant events for family or friends.

Children will continue to explore how things work, talking about what they see, both indoors and outdoors.

**Third milestone:**

The children will have an understanding of life beyond home and nursery.

They will be able to talk about their experiences, e.g. visiting family, church, or mosque.

Through accessing Forest Schools and learning outdoors, children will appreciate the natural world and be able to talk about why it is important to care for living things and natural world and demonstrate this in their actions.

**What does this look like?**

Children will know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

Children will proudly talk about their uniqueness, what makes them special.

Children will have an understanding of their locality and feel part of the community in which they live.

**Final milestone:**

Children will talk with confidence and pride about themselves and their families

Children will talk about/learn about and celebrate special events with their friends, some of which they may not celebrate at home.

Children will understand and continue to develop a positive attitude towards difference.

Children will have an understanding of their unique identity, heritage, and what makes them special.

Children will be familiar with their local community. They will be aware of special, important and familiar buildings such as the park, library and local shops.

Children will take responsibility for their local environment, indoors and outdoors; re-using, recycling and reducing waste.

Children will understand they have rights, which also come with responsibilities

As we move to the RRSA Gold award children will develop leadership roles, and through these children will take care for the environment and continue to promote, protect and realise their rights.