Our Weekly Routine

At Kenyngton Manor Nursery and Preschool, staff work together with children to plan activities and resources to suit their individual needs and interests. Each day, children have opportunities to play, explore and 'have a go' in all areas of learning, through a mixture of child initiated and adult led activities. Here are just some examples of what we get up to:

Cooking

Every fortnight, children take part in making something to eat or drink which they may take home with them or eat in class. Our cooking sessions encourage fine motor skill development, comprehension and listening skills as well as mathematical understanding. The children help to make special snacks for everyone which promotes healthy eating and often coincides with our theme e.g. a tasty stir fry for Chinese New Year.

The Great Outdoors

We like to get out in the fresh air as much as possible. Children benefit from our superb outdoor environments which staff continuously enhance and plan activities for to suit children's individual needs and interests. Children love to explore the nature gardens and mud kitchens where they can experience various elements of nature and take risks within their limits. It is fantastic for developing their understanding of the changing weather, growth and for learning how to take care of living things in the environment.

Understanding the World

Children are encouraged to create and think critically. We provide a wide variety of experiences for the children to develop their understanding and give them the opportunity to make links and form their own ideas. Staff guide children to make sense of their physical world, environment and community.

Physical Development

As part of our continuous provision, we use equipment such as hoops, cones, beanbags, balancing bars and parachutes to develop children's coordination and balance. Getting ready to go outside aids children's development by teaching them to dress themselves as well as encouraging their independence for school. The children also practice using various tools such as scoops, tweezers and brushes which helps develop the foundations for writing.

Expressive Arts and Design

We offer daily craft activities: which are often based around the half-termly theme. Children are also given free rein to create their own master pieces and explore the skills needed to be creative. Messy play is also encouraged to promote fine motor skills, exploration and sensory awareness.

Children are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination through a variety of props, materials, large and small construction. Pretend play, also known as imaginative play, provides a powerful and fun make-believe context for children to express their creativity and develop social and emotional skills. Construction is a great opportunity for children to problem solve, plan, and use mathematical language as well as learning how to work cooperatively with their peers.

Music and Movements

Most sessions involve singing and dancing to encourage the children to sing along with their favourite songs and to learn new ones. We also give them the opportunity to use a variety of instruments – tambourines, bells, xylophones, shakers and triangles. It really is music to their ears and develops their creative talents.

Technology

Children have access to a variety of everyday technologies which we use to aid learning e.g. torches, light boxes, programmable toys, sound buttons, etc. We also have an interactive whiteboard and iPads with several games designed to develop simple computing skills in preparation for school.

Pretend Play

Being able to recreate and imagine a role is the way that children learn how to express themselves, interact with others and rehearse life skills. Our role play areas are vital for language development, building confidence, learning to play with others and enhancing imagination.

Our Nursery

Outdoor Area

Main Room

Sensory/Sleep Room

Our Preschool

Sun Room

Moon Room

Outdoor Area