



What is the curiosity approach?

The curiosity approach is a modern-day approach to early years, taking parts from a variety of early education theorists. The approach brings curiosity, awe and wonder to children's learning journeys. The curiosity approach promotes the use of natural, old, authentic, recycled resources. These resources offer children first-hand opportunities to become connected to the natural real world.

Plastic fantastic!!!

As a setting we have reduced the plastic around the setting. As well as helping to save the environment, it also benefits children's learning in many ways.

When giving the children plastic resources, children do not necessarily learn how to care for things in an appropriate manner. For example, a plastic teapot can be dropped or thrown without breaking, a ceramic teapot would need to be handled much more carefully and children will learn to respect things and take better care of equipment.

Open ended equipment

We have also taken away a lot of our equipment such as garages/dolls house and swapped these for open ended resources to help children's imagination, design, and creativity skills. Specifically designed toys such as these can limit children's play as they are set in a certain way which can restrict play, whereas open-ended resources provide endless opportunities for the children.

Loose parts

The nursery offers a wide variety of loose parts within all areas of the rooms. Loose parts can be anything ranging from corks to buttons, to shells and much more. Encouraging children to use loose resources as they choose to, can provide a wider range of opportunities than one that is purely adult led. Children playing with loose parts are using more creativity and imagination and developing more skill and competence than they would playing with most modern plastic toys.

Role play

Our role play areas are known as our 'de-constructed role plays. Role play is an important part of early childhood as not only does it aid intellectual development but also improves children's social skills and creativity.

Why provide a superman costume that can only be superman when you can provide materials that can be a cape, a scarf, a dress or even a magic carpet!

Be curious, be bold, be creative, BE YOURSELF <3