

SCALLYWAGS NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL



OUR PLAY-BASED CURRICULUM

PLAY • EXPLORE • DISCOVER • GROW

At Scallywags, we believe **children learn best through play**.

Our curriculum is play-based and underpinned by the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**. We provide exciting, meaningful experiences that encourage children to be **curious, confident, independent and enthusiastic learners**.

PLAY IS LEARNING!

When children play, they are developing skills for life.

Through play, children learn to:

 **Communicate** – talk, listen, share ideas and build vocabulary

 **Build relationships** – cooperate, take turns, negotiate and make friends

 **Think & solve problems** – investigate, experiment, make choices and find solutions

 **Be creative** – imagine, create, express themselves and explore new ideas

 **Develop physically** – move, balance, climb, build coordination and confidence

 **Understand emotions** – develop confidence, independence and resilience

 **Develop early maths skills** – count, sort, compare, measure and recognise pattern

 **Understand the world** – explore nature, people, communities and their environment

OUR EYFS CURRICULUM

Our curriculum supports all **7 areas of learning and development**.

PRIME AREAS

Communication & Language

Listening • Understanding • Speaking

Physical Development

Movement • Coordination • Health • Independence

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Relationships • Confidence • Emotions • Self-regulation

SPECIFIC AREAS

Literacy

Books • Stories • Rhymes • Writing

Mathematics

Numbers • Counting • Patterns • Shape • Measure

Understanding the World

Nature • People • Communities • Technology

Expressive Arts & Design

Art • Music • Imagination • Creativity • Role Play

WHAT DOES LEARNING THROUGH PLAY LOOK LIKE?

At Scallywags, learning might look like...

Building a tower

Learning about balance, shape, size, problem-solving and persistence.

Playing in our role-play area

Developing language, imagination, confidence and social skills.

Exploring outdoors

Discovering nature, developing physical skills and investigating the world.

Creating and making

Developing creativity, fine motor skills and self-expression.

Sharing stories

Building vocabulary, listening skills, imagination and a love of books.

Exploring sand and water

Investigating capacity, weight, movement, cause and effect.

OUR PRACTITIONERS

Our practitioners carefully **observe, listen and interact** with children.

We follow children's interests and use these to create opportunities that **extend their learning and introduce new challenges**.

We ask questions, model language, introduce new vocabulary, encourage problem-solving and know when to **join children's play and when to let them lead**.

Every child is unique, so we adapt our support to meet their individual needs, interests and stage of development.

LEARNING AT HOME

You don't need expensive toys or complicated activities to support your child's learning.

Everyday moments are opportunities to learn!

-  Read a story together
-  Explore the outdoors
-  Cook or bake together
-  Sing songs and rhymes
-  Count everyday objects
-  Get creative
-  Play games and puzzles
-  Talk, listen and ask questions

Most importantly... PLAY, HAVE FUN & LEARN TOGETHER!

OUR SCALLYWAGS PROMISE

We want every child to feel safe, valued, confident and excited to learn.

Through play and meaningful experiences, we help children develop the **knowledge, skills, confidence and curiosity** they need for their next steps in learning and life.

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