## **EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES**

The toys and resources in the nursery provide opportunities for children, with adult support, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.

The equipment we provide:

* + Is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children.
  + Offers challenges to developing skills across the Early Years Foundation Stage.
  + Includes opportunities for exploration and investigation to encourage children’s thought processes.
  + Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.
  + Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem-solving.
  + Will encourage children to follow their interests and work towards their individual next steps.
  + Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well made.
  + Is cleaned thoroughly at least once a month.
  + Adults will model using resources respectfully and encourage children to do the same.
  + We will seek resources and equipment to meet the needs of individual children.
  + Where possible we will have sequipment stored in a way which is easily accessible to the children, these materials will be rotated according to the children’s current interests.

**Toys from home:**

Children should be deterred from bringing in their own toys as it can cause unnecessary tensions for them. Staff who are involved with their key groups of children do not have time to look for personal toys that may have been misplaced within the setting, nor will the setting accept responsibility or any liability for such items.

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