

Colyton Caterpillars Our Curriculum

Linked to the EYFS

Our nursery provides a curriculum that is responsive to each child's individual needs, interests and unique personality. We recognise that every child is different and plan experiences that build on their starting points, supporting them to make progress through meaningful, engaging learning opportunities.

We believe in challenging all children and offering a rich range of experiences that promote curiosity, independence and a love of learning. Our curriculum is flexible and responsive, allowing us to follow children's interests and make the most of teachable moments.

Communication and Language

We prioritise high-quality interactions, modelling language and engaging in meaningful conversations. Stories, traditional tales and rhymes support children's understanding, listening and speaking skills, laying strong foundations for future learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Building children's confidence and self-esteem is at the heart of our practice. Through strong key person relationships, children feel safe, valued and supported. We encourage children to express their feelings, make choices and develop positive relationships, learning to respect and value one another.

Cultural Awareness and Understanding the World

We promote an inclusive environment where children learn about different cultures, families and communities. Through stories, celebrations, discussions and everyday experiences, children develop an awareness of diversity and learn to respect and appreciate differences, helping them to feel a strong sense of belonging.

Physical Development

Children are supported to develop their physical skills through both indoor and outdoor experiences. We also promote independence by teaching children about hygiene, self-care and how to look after their bodies.

Literacy

Our strong focus on literacy is rooted in familiar stories, core books and traditional tales. Repetition and enjoyment of books help children develop a love of reading and support early language and comprehension skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children are encouraged to explore creativity through play, imagination, music and role play, allowing them to express themselves freely.

We actively encourage children to make choices, share their ideas and develop their own interests. As a setting, we prioritise time spent interacting with children, modelling language and nurturing development, rather than focusing on excessive paperwork.

Outdoor learning is an important part of our curriculum, and we ensure children have regular opportunities to explore and learn in the natural environment.

Overall, our curriculum supports children to develop into confident, capable learners, fostering a culture where anything is possible and every child is valued.

