



Communication & Language:

Communication is at the heart of everything we do at Butterflies. We strive to support every child in expressing themselves in a way that best meets their individual needs. This may include verbal language, communication boards, signing, or gestures. To support this, we incorporate one-to-one activities that provide focused opportunities for developing communication skills, as well as embedding these naturally throughout the day. Our literacy-based sessions include stories, songs, and play-based activities designed to promote engagement, sharing, and enjoyment.

Thinking & Problem Solving:

This area of learning will lay the foundation for early maths skills through practical, engaging games and activities. In addition to exploring number, shape, space, and measure, children will also develop important skills such as anticipation, waiting, turn-taking, and memory — all of which are essential for solving everyday problems. Each session will begin with a number or shape-based nursery rhyme or song, followed by a group activity and a variety of workstations with different mathematical focuses.

Myself & My Body:

This session will take place at various times throughout the day and will focus on developing PSHE and independence skills such as toileting, dressing, feeding, and self-help. We will also cater to each child's sensory needs through activities like food therapy, messy play, and both indoor and outdoor exploration — all supporting the development of fine and gross motor skills. During our first term, a key priority is helping the children build strong, comfortable relationships with staff and their peers. Our 'Hello Time' will play an important role in this, alongside our 'Going on an Adventure' topic. This theme will help children begin to recognise themselves and others around them, using whiteboards and visual choices to support engagement.



Thematic Learning: Going on an adventure!

My World & My Community:

Our *Going on an Adventure* topic will explore the places and people in our local community, as well as each child's individual likes and dislikes — all of which help shape their unique view of the world.

This topic will incorporate elements of *My History* and *My Geography* by looking closely at the environment around us and revisiting past activities and experiences through photos, videos, and local visits.

Religious Education & Celebration Days: (SMSCD/ RSE)

Our RE theme this term will be Families and Special People, which fits in perfectly with the topic. We will appreciate what people do to help us, who our special people are and how we can thank them. Alongside our RE sessions we will celebrate special occasions and religious days from many different religions.

Learning through My Play:

All of our sessions will include time in the continuous provision area, allowing children plenty of opportunity to explore the resources available both indoors and outdoors.

We understand that children learn in many different ways, but they make the most progress when they are happily and deeply engaged in an activity. Our staff will actively encourage children to engage with a wide range of toys and experiences across all areas of the classroom.

We are fortunate to have access to a variety of spaces around the school to support development across all areas of learning. Each week, we hope to visit the soft play area, light room, hall, tyre park, forest school, swimming pool, and even go on a local bus trip. These experiences will help the children develop communication skills in different environments and explore the many ways they can use their bodies.

We're looking forward to a happy and exciting year, filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun together!

My Creativity

We will use a wide range of resources to explore and express our creative imaginations. This will include a variety of mark-making opportunities and sensory-based activities. Children will also have the chance to explore different forms of technology, including musical experiences, performances, and role play.

Creativity is a cross-curricular area of learning, with skills that can be transferred across many aspects of the school day. We are fortunate to have access to a range of extracurricular opportunities, such as music therapy, art therapy, and various live performances throughout the year.

