

The SMILE Group is a NURTURE GROUP

The Principles of Nurture are

1. Children's learning is understood **developmentally**, i.e. activities are planned to suit the children's ability.
2. The classroom is a **safe** place.
3. We aim to build up the children's **confidence**.
4. **Language** is a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is **communication**.
6. We understand **change** can be difficult for the children.

The SMILE Group is an intervention programme to support children in the formative years of Primary School. It has a predictable timetable of activities every day.

It is a caring environment that encourages each child to develop a range of skills and to grow in confidence.



Positive relationships are modelled by the adults. There is a focus on developing the children's language skills.

The children are helped to settle, listen, concentrate, share and make friends. We support them to understand, speak about and deal with how they are feeling.

The SMILE Group will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00 noon.



Miss McCallum

We have 2 members of staff trained in Nurture.



Mrs Pickett

The children will line up, register, enjoy their playtime, and have a healthy snack and afternoons in their mainstream class. It is important to ensure there are good links with their class and class teacher.

What do we do?

We mainly work in small groups, pairs and 1:1 on a range of different activities.

Here are some of the things we do:



- ❖ Literacy Activities
- ❖ Numeracy Activities
- ❖ Drawing and painting
- ❖ Reading and discussing stories

- ❖ Memory and concentration games
- ❖ Role play and music
- ❖ Sand
- ❖ Construction and imaginary play

