

ENHANCING CHILDREN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCES THROUGH THE ARTS



Children will be exposed to a variety of experiences relating to the arts. Our Art Specialist, Jemma will continue to encourage the children to express themselves through the arts and introduce them to new and interesting mixed media. Music is also an integral part of the children's day throughout the nursery.



Jemma, explaining a piece of work by Jackson Pollock to the children

For more information, you can read the SQIP in full on our nursery website:
www.heriothillnursery.com

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to either Charlie or Carol.



SQIP
Standards, Quality
& Improvement
plan for
Heriot Hill Nursery



Heriot Hill Nursery is an ECO
Schools Green Flag holder

Each year, as we are in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council, we write a SQIP for the nursery. SQIP denotes Standards, Quality and Improvement Plan.

This year we have chosen three main priorities that we will be focusing on to improve and enhance throughout the nursery. These are:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Planning through Consultation with Children
- Enhancing Children's Learning Experiences through the Arts

This leaflet has been put together to give parents an overall view of how we are working on these priorities.



PRIORITY 1—LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Our aims are to develop children's confidence in relation to their knowledge of literacy and numeracy, and to introduce them to various resources to enhance their learning.

Children will be exposed to literacy and numeracy throughout the nursery rooms, and their learning experiences will be interesting and engaging.

We use the Birth to Three Curriculum in the Under 3's rooms and the Curriculum for Excellence in Pre-School to support our work on literacy and numeracy. We have a new 'interactive Smartboard' in the Pre-School Resource Room, which is used by all our 3-5 year olds on a regular basis.



One of the children helping to update our interactive mosaic weather board.

PRIORITY 2—PLANNING THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH CHILDREN

We want to encourage children to be actively involved in influencing the work of the Nursery. We want them to feel included and important. Planning systems are being improved, resulting in the children finding their learning experiences to be challenging, relevant and enjoyable.

Our planning floor books in both pre-school rooms allow the children to have a very hands-on impact with the weekly planning. These are always available for parents to look at.



Bluebirds children discussing their planning