

Structures:

Children will have continual access to a range of construction materials such as Lego, Duplo, Mobilo, K'nex etc. to practise joining materials together to form structures which they can describe and reflect on.

Through junk modelling, children will use a variety of different materials to construct, join and create a variety of structures.

Children will develop basic woodwork skills through adult led teaching and continuous provision. They will have the opportunities to use real hammers to hammer increasingly small objects from golf tees into vegetables, to real nails into wood. They will also be able to practise these skills with cork boards and shapes as a link to maths learning. Children will explore the properties of wood by comparing it with other materials.

Textiles

In Foundation the children will develop basic weaving skills. Within the setting children will have opportunities to develop the skills they have learnt in pre-school to complete lacing cards, bead threading, threading pasta etc. They will be taught how to use a large needle and wool to sew using binca.

Design and Technology

Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practise of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.

Food and Nutrition

In Foundation, children will explore healthy eating as part of their PSED curriculum. They will have the opportunity to taste a range of fruits and vegetables and explore what foods are part of a healthy diet. They will be able to explore foods from a range of different countries as part of the UW curriculum and explore which elements are healthy or not so healthy. The children will have the opportunity to cut fruit and vegetables with a knife. They will design and make their own healthy picnic during their 'Explorers' topic. Children will be able to give their opinion on the fruits and vegetables they taste during daily snack time in class and find out about where the different foods they experience are from.