

HEMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL

CAVERSHAM

Independent Day School for Girls Boys (3-11)

The Nursery Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage

There are four themes and principles.

- A unique child - Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Positive relationships – Children can learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and /or key persons.
- Enabling environments – The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children’s development and learning.
- Learning and development – Children can develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and interconnected.

Whilst we are an independent nursery, we follow the EYFS curriculum and plan activities under the six areas of learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional, Communication, Language and Literacy, Problem solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Knowledge and Understanding of the world, Creative and Physical
We closely observe each child under each area of learning. These observations help us to plan specific targets for each child.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The times of these activities are given to us at the beginning of each school year, so change on a yearly basis.

Ballet

On Friday afternoons children from the nursery are offered ballet lessons with a qualified ballet teacher. The lesson lasts half an hour. The nursery staff change the children into their ballet clothes and take them to their lesson. Trial lessons are available. If you would like your child to attend then let either the nursery staff or the School office know.

Gym

As part of our curriculum we try to have two weekly gym sessions, one morning and one afternoon.

During our gym sessions we do a warm up session consisting of jogging, skipping, jumping etc., then we either do ring games or use balancing beams, crash mats and climbing equipment. Please can you provide black gym pumps if your child attends these days. The nursery children also get to “compete” in the school sports day held in the summer.