

the ark

nursery



SPACE
— at the ark —



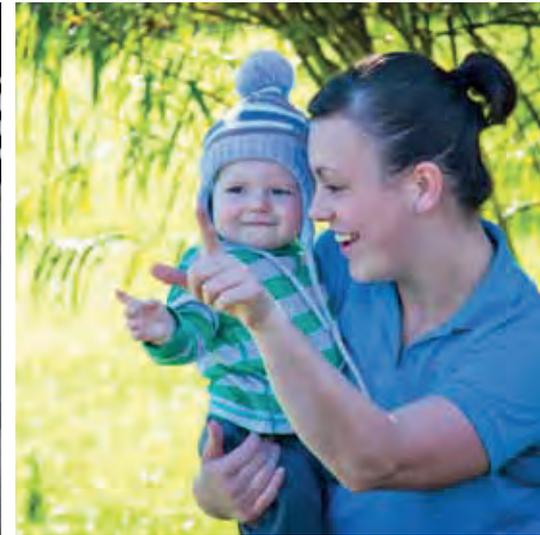
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This area, designed for children aged approximately 4 weeks to 15 months provides a home-like, cosy, loving environment where children grow and flourish. This enables babies to independently explore and discover the world around them with the support of highly skilled and experienced staff, who are responsive and considerate to babies' and parents' individual specific needs.

Play opportunities are varied in order to enrich the babies' experiences, including sensory, heuristic and creative activities.

In addition to this all the babies have access to the sensory room, library, dining room and front garden

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1:2 staff to child ratio 
up to 12 months

Dedicated key person 

Mirror bar, sofa, sleep room with relaxing music, low level windows 

Purpose built cushion floored area for tummy time 

Secure outdoor play area with canopy to protect against sun & rain 



TODDLER

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This is where the toddlers continue to explore, learn and seek new opportunities to play. This room offers an extensive range of low-level activities and resources such as construction, creative, role play, sand and water play and the book corner. Children are able to access these areas independently according to their individual preferences.

Our passionate and experienced staff form close relationships with both children and parents enabling them to provide the best possible care and opportunities for the children to learn and develop at their own pace.

The toddlers eat together in our dining room and are assisted to wash their own hands before eating and help to serve their own food. This promotes good hygiene practices, and their independence as well as learning new skills.

In addition, toddlers have access to the sensory room, library, dining room and sports hall.

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Dedicated key person 

1:3 adult to child ratio 

Detailed daily record to inform parents about eating, sleeping and changing patterns. 

Low level continuous provision areas with a focus on developing independence and self-confidence 

Self contained bathroom area adjacent to main playroom for easy access 

Dedicated secure outdoor play area 





NURSERY

INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN



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This room is an exciting, stimulating environment where our children can explore and develop their independence through varied activities. This is the stage where children adopt their own characteristics and their personalities become more defined. They are encouraged to realise their own individuality whilst becoming able to trust and rely on their own abilities.

Children's communication and language development progresses during their time in this room. The children are often keen to share with us their experiences both from home and within nursery.

Areas of continuous provision such as construction, creative, role play, sand and water play provide the children with opportunities to explore, and be challenged and stimulated according to their individual needs.

Our highly experienced staff provide support and guidance for the children who start to toilet train at this age. Working together with parents, the staff decide upon the best way to encourage each child as it is important that both nursery and parents have a consistent approach to this stage of development.

Eating together in the dining room allows the children to enjoy mealtimes with their friends, learn good manners and healthy eating practices.

In addition to this the children have access to the sensory room, library, and sports hall.



Dedicated key person

1:4 staff to child ratio

Designated secure outdoor area

Continuous provision areas to allow children to make choices

Self-registration

Self-service at mealtimes encourages healthy eating habits

Self-contained open access bathroom area promotes independence when toilet training

2 year progress check at 30 months in partnership with parents

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PRE-SCHOOL

MAKING MAGICAL MEMORIES



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Our Pre-School offers children the opportunity to gain a broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. Within this room our highly skilled staff, including an Early Years Teacher, help children to work towards the “Early Learning Goals” (the knowledge, skills and understanding that children should have at the end of the academic year in which they turn five).

The children within this room have access to continuous provision areas such as construction, creative, ICT, sensory, role play, sand and water play. Adults provide children with a degree of freedom to experiment, make judgments, choose activities and express ideas.

The children take part in more focused activities that develop literacy, mathematics and scientific understanding. There are specific phonic sessions incorporated into the daily pre-school structure that develop children’s understanding of sound and letter formation.

Sustained Shared Thinking is an ongoing concept within pre-school. The staff ensure the children’s thoughts, ideas and experiences are embedded into everyday practice.

The pre-school children take part in a weekly P.E session which not only promotes their physical development but also helps them to develop self care routines such as dressing and undressing.

Pre-school have a mascot called Bobby Bear who can accompany the children on holiday or family trips allowing children the opportunity to care for him. This helps promote the children’s personal, social and emotional development. The children also have access to the sensory room, library, dining room and sports hall.

Teacher-led activities focusing on developing the EYFS learning principles

Weekly PE session

Show and tell sessions

Phonics sessions

Forest School – sessions taking place each Monday and Friday

Computer to promote ICT skills

Mascot – supporting Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-registration

Self-service at meal times

Secure dedicated outdoor play area

Robust practice in place to support transition to school

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FOREST SCHOOL

LET'S GO PLAY OUTSIDE



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Forest School at The Ark provides a unique and fun learning experience for our pre-school children, which teaches them about the environment. Forest School provides stimulating, memorable and exciting experiences whilst helping them recognise the importance of being healthy, staying safe, enjoying activities and making a positive contribution to the world around them.

These sessions are led by Forest School qualified staff who have extensive knowledge of outdoor learning and the benefits this can bring.

Sessions take place twice weekly in a woodland area in close proximity to The Ark. Forest School gives children a fabulous opportunity for active outdoor play and discovery. Forest School focuses on allowing children to explore and develop their social, physical, intellectual and creative skills. Children also learn independence, self-confidence and emotional skills.

The children are provided with waterproof outfits, keeping them warm and dry while they find treasure beside the river, build dens or find fairy houses in the trees. Other activities that take place are mini beast hunting, rope walking, planting, and cooking with ingredients the children have grown, such as garlic bread.

An essential feature of Forest School is allowing children to manage their own risks. Closely supervised activities such as campfire cooking, tree climbing and river walking all contribute to the children's awareness of the world around them, teaching them skills for life.

Increased confidence and self-belief 

Ability to manage risk 

Development of social skills 

Increased motivation and concentration 

Improved physical skills 

Deeper knowledge and understanding of the surrounding environment and seasonal changes 

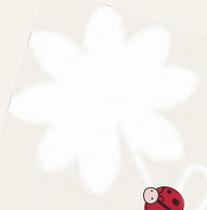
Increased health and well-being 

Improved communication and language 

Improved personal, social and emotional development 

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OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Kick off your shoes, throw down your bags and welcome to your second home.

Space is an Out of School and Holiday Club location set in four acres of beautiful countryside, where children are the centre of our activities.

Space 1 caters for children age 4-7 years and Space 2, within its own setting, provides an older environment for children age 8-14 years.

The Out of School Club operates from 7am until school starts and from school finishing time until 6.30pm.

During term time we take the children from Space 1 and 2 to their respective schools and collect them after school in our own fleet of mini buses.

The children can come to us for breakfast and relax before their day ahead, taking part in planned activities or just chilling out with their friends. Our highly skilled, caring staff provide children with a range of exciting activities. After school we provide children with a healthy, nutritious meal and there are opportunities to play out on the field, in the sports hall or even get home work out of the way in our computer suite.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Drop in for a couple of hours, stay for a day or come every day – the choice is yours!

Every Holiday Club is designed to allow children to be involved in planning the activities around their interests.

Open from 7.00am until 6.30pm, we provide the children with delicious nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day freshly prepared on site in our five star kitchen. We offer children from the age of 4-14 years a fun, stimulating day whilst ensuring peace of mind for parents.

Sizzling BBQs, bike tours, popping popcorn at the movies, rustling up some cultural cooking or exploring nature's best in the woods, this is just a snap shot of what we offer. In addition to this an exciting programme of trips, both local and further afield, create an action packed, fun-filled holiday for your child.

Drop off and pick up service from local schools 

Large outdoor area with football nets and traversing wall 

Sports Hall with indoor traversing wall and basketball/football court 

Computer suite 

Games consoles 

Chill out Zone 

Nail bar 

Self contained kitchen 

Fleet of mini buses for Before and After School and Holiday Club transport 

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 The Ark and Space

