Dear Parents,

We aim to cover the following list of activities with our 2-3-year-old children this term. Working together with the children practicing these activities at home and nursery will aid their development.

In particular, studies show that the quality of caregiver-child interactions taking place during these activities are a better predictor of school attainment at age seven, than is children's exposure to computers or other learning technologies during the early years.

Studies consistently show that the following home learning activities support children's early language development:

• Going to the library • Painting and drawing • Playing with/being taught letters Playing with/being taught numbers Songs/poems/rhymes.

Chat: encourage talking but crucially, reciprocal communication;
Play: language thrives when children interact and explore in a playful and creative manner;
Read: sharing books, parents and children talking together. •
Chat, Play, Read summarises how parents can create a positive Home Learning Environment.

DEVELOPING SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS
Remembering to say please and thank you.
Taking turns, sharing, making friends.
Tidying up. Practical life activities eg. pouring, threading etc.

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE
Listening to stories, rhymes and poems, extending vocabulary.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
Changing shoes, putting on coats, washing hands.
Making marks on paper using pencils and crayons.
Yoga and rugby tots.
Dancing to music.
Outside play, parachute games. Riding trikes.

LITERACY
Choosing and looking at books independently.

MATHEMATICS
Grouping and matching and sorting objects.
Learning colours and simple shapes.
Using mathematical language i.e. Bigger, smaller.
Sensorial activities, jig-saws. Playing with number beanbags.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD
Caring for the environment.
Taking part in the weekly projects. Show and tell.

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
Water/sand play.
Sponge painting, colour mixing,
junk modelling, playdough, painting, sticking using a variety of materials.
Roleplay.