

As part of my BA Primary Education course, I have been placed for four weeks at Curzon Crescent Nursery for this term and 5 weeks in the summer term. This is the first time I have worked in early years and it has been a pleasant experience. All of the staff were so kind and welcoming from the first day I joined and always had a smile on their face.

I am amazed by their indoor and outdoor learning spaces/facilities. The children have a wide range of different learning choices that are constantly being enhanced on a daily bases and encouraged by the staff for the children to explore. Within a short period, I have witnessed a vast amount of progress in all of the children's emotional, physical and social developments.

As a trainee, I have developed many skills working at Curzon Crescent. One of which is allowing the child to lead the learning, whilst taking the opportunity to support and help consolidate their learning. However, without the help of the Blue class teacher Lauren, I would not have been able to develop any of the skills that I have now and have all the knowledge that I have encountered over the weeks.

I was welcome to join any events or training by Jackie Marsh (Deputy Head) that was set out by the Nursery. I believe this has benefited me the most as it gave me the opportunity to interact with the children and parents in different contexts.

I also joined a staff training, which has expanded my knowledge of teaching and developed my thinking into the different aspects of a child's learning that are enhanced by the two vital elements, the child's involvement and well-being. I was given the opportunity to go on a home visit that helped me understand how important it was for the child to be introduced to his/her teacher in an environment that they were most comfortable in. I also joined in events such as parent's workshops, which aim to help parents understand what sort of learning strategies they can use at home with their child to support their learning. I was also part of the 'shape walk' that we took the Orange Class on. The aim was to show children that shapes are all around us and for parents to be able to draw their children's attention when walking together to the different shapes they can see on a daily bases.

I really enjoyed all of the different experiences I have had with the children and the parents. I have developed many skills and stretched my thinking on how children learn in early years.

I would like to thank all of the staff for being so kind and helpful with me, and a special thanks to Lauren Brown and Jackie Marsh for the help and support☺. I can't wait for the summer term!

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