

Welcome to Octopus Class



Nurture Unit

Supporting children with social, emotional and mental health needs in our school.

What is a Nurture Unit?

Our Nurture Class is a small class of up to 9 children supported by a Nurture teacher and teaching assistants.



Ms Mitchell



Helen



Maisie



Bella

The Class follows the 6 Nurture UK principles:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally
- The classroom offers a safe base
- Language is a vital means of communication
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
- All behaviour is communication
- The importance of transition in children's life

What can Nurture do for my child?

Nurture classes can specifically support your child's social and emotional development whilst also accessing the same curriculum learning as others in their year group. Your child will access additional circle time and PATHs sessions as well as games and social stories and have opportunities such as a daily toast time to practise turn taking and sharing. The classroom is set up in a different way to other classes and has a more homely feel. Additionally there are areas to promote calming, self-soothing and sensory support.

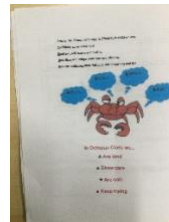
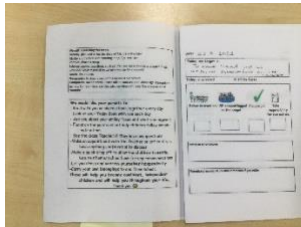
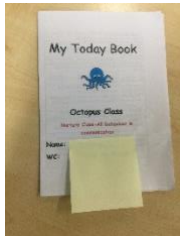


How long will my child stay in Nurture?

This depends very much on your child. Our aim is to equip children with the skills they need to manage in a larger class group. Transition is carefully managed and goes at the child's pace to ensure success. Some children may access Nurture for a term or two, for others this may be longer.

How parents are kept informed?

Today books are shared between parents and school. Parents are invited to join the class for key events. Regular progress meetings take place between parents and the teacher.



How can I explain Nurture to my child?

You can talk to your child about attending Octopus Class with adults who are looking forward to getting to know them and helping them to learn.



A short video explains Nurture Principles in more detail and is available via Tapestry. Parents are welcome to visit our nurture class for a tour and to ask any questions.