

NURTURE AT MARISH



Here at Marish Academy Trust, we run two nurture groups, the honey bees and the ladybirds (Willow)

Nurture group rooms are carefully arranged to have the best of both classroom and a home environment. They are designed to be warm and welcoming in order to provide a consistent, predictable and safe place for children.

The group is run by staff who are qualified in **'The Theory and Practice of Nurture Groups'**

What is the purpose of a Nurture Group?

The Nurture group is a small class of up to 10 pupils. The children are carefully, brought together to make a balanced and functional group. The Nurture Group continues the Ethos of an already nurturing environment within the Trust and provides inclusion for all children promoting Social and Emotional Support.

Therefore, the children are support within Nurture to raise their emotional well-being, self-esteem and have a sense of belonging to the school community. We provide a structured routine with clear boundaries so the children feel safe and secure.

How long will my child attend the Nurture Group?

Currently, both Nurture Groups run four afternoons a week. A child will attend for 3 terms. However, we do ensure that children do not miss exciting assemblies, guests in school, outings or any special events that the rest of their class are taking part in.

As a parent, I just wanted to say a big thank you for making my child's time in the Nurture group so happy and enjoyable. He's always had a **'beaming smile on his face when he went to Nurture and looked forward to coming to school every day'**.

The ingenious methods of teaching social skills, arts, crafts and reading are outstanding. I've seen great improvement in his cognitive and social development.

When I asked him what he loved about his time in the Nurture Group, he mentioned **'taking turns'** which nearly bought a tear to my eye as it was one of his main targets! This has shown a great difference you're making in his life immeasurable.

Thanks for being a positive impact on my child's life

