



YEARLY CURRICULUM

Our Early Years Curriculum

At Little Legs Childcare we believe children learn best through play-based experiences that spark curiosity and joy. Our curriculum is designed to provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning while celebrating each child's unique interests and abilities.

Seven Areas of Development

We thoughtfully explore all seven areas of early childhood development through both indoor and outdoor activities:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building confidence, forming relationships, and developing self-regulation through group activities and social play

- **Communication and Language:** Enhancing speaking, listening and understanding through storytelling, songs, and conversations
- **Physical Development:** Developing both fine and gross motor skills through climbing, dancing, drawing, and manipulation of objects
- **Literacy:** Fostering a love of books, early writing skills, and phonological awareness
- **Mathematics:** Exploring numbers, patterns, shapes, and measurement through hands-on activities
- **Understanding the World:** Investigating nature, technology, and different communities through exploration and discovery
- **Expressive Arts and Design:** Encouraging creativity through art, music, role-play, and imaginative experiences

Our Approach

Children engage with these areas through diverse, hands-on experiences including dressing up, cooking, crafting, counting games, pencil control activities, shared meals, story time, short educational films, community outings, and outdoor exploration (even rolling in leaves!).

Our carefully selected toys and materials are freely available for children to explore at their own pace, supporting self-directed learning that research shows is crucial for development.



Child-Led Curriculum

While we provide structure, our curriculum remains flexible and responsive to children's interests. We revisit favorite places and activities, making thoughtful adjustments to align with current topics or themes that emerge from the children themselves.

Our primary goal is to nurture a sense of wonder and show children that the world is an exciting place filled with endless opportunities for discovery and growth.



MONTH	THEME/TOPIC	FESTIVALS/CELEBRATIONS	ACTIVITY IDEAS
JANUARY	Weather – Seasons, Clothes London Pirates, maps, flag Space, moon, stars & Sun	Burns Night	Try Haggis, neeps & tatties Flags Pirate map London landmarks, the Royal family (visit London) Rock Cakes/Pirate biscuits
FEBRUARY	Life Cycles – Frog, Bee, Butterfly, Plant Plants – including dangerous ones	Valentines day Chinese New Year Pancake Day	Fortune cookies & Chinese Food Messy play with cooked noodles Make pancakes Press flowers for mother's day cards Valentines craft Visit the garden centre
MARCH	Zoo/Jungle Animals Farm/Pets Animals Insects	Mothers day St. Patrick's day St. David's day Pancake day	Map of the world marking where animals originate Visit Zoo & Farms Flags for St. Patrick's & St David's day Flower craft for the above Cards for Mother's day Go out and hunt for insects, magnifying glass



APRIL	Spring – Clothing, nature, baby animals Sports – Exercise Around the world – cultures, religion, clothes, food, buildings, language	St. Georges day Easter	Flag and flower for St. Georges day Try different foods from around the world, make flags, look at famous landmarks around the world. Easter craft Visit some lambs, chicks, Bluebell woods.
MAY	People who help us	Wimbledon	Strawberry picking, make jam Make jam tarts Play tennis in the garden Visit the hospital, Fire station, Police Station, Dentist, Recycle centre, School, Opticians, Vets, Post Office etc. Dress up in different outfits
JUNE	Food, Drink, Diet Getting ready for school Stranger Danger Transport	Fathers day	Fruit and veg tasting, healthy eating plate, visit supermarket with baskets Make fruit kebabs Ride on a bus, train, boat Visit the airport



JULY	Under the Sea Recycling	Independence day	Try different fish Visit Aquatic centre Water and sand play Go to the beach Make biscuits with under the sea cutters
AUGUST	Summer – clothing, nature Staying safe in the sun Fairies/Princesses Knights, Castles & Dragons Dinosaurs		Make fairy Cakes Go to the beach Visit the dinosaurs at the Zoo Weave grasses and flowers in the weaving boards. Make tree spirits
SEPTEMBER	Traditional tales Harvest	Ramadan	Make gingerbread men Make sausage rolls Make porridge Make bread rolls Visit Gruffalo woods to make dens, roll around in crispy leaves Plant beans and watch them grow



OCTOBER	Road Safety Fire safety Autumn – Clothing, nature Hibernation	Halloween	Make biscuits Sparklers in the garden Practice crossing at Zebra crossings Lots of craft Make mud pies Build dens in the woods
NOVEMBER	All about me – Body, skeleton, senses, emotions, disabilities, hobbies, cleanliness, teeth	Bonfire Night Thanksgiving Remembrance day Children in Need	Make Cheese Straws Practice cleaning teeth
DECEMBER	Light & Dark Winter – Clothing, nature	Christmas	Make mince pies Lots of Christmas craft & glitter Torches and light toys in the dark tent