

Planning for Children's Interests and Needs

This half term our topic will be 'Busy being me', a topic based on learning about our body, feelings, family, healthy eating and how we have changed from when we were a baby. As it is our first term, we will be learning new routines and building relationships. It would be lovely to have some photos of the children to help with this topic. If you have any photos of when they were younger that you would be happy to share, we would appreciate these. I would also love to have a favourite photo that your child or your family has. We will use these to talk about and share experiences with others. Originals will be photocopied and returned, or you can email them to r.piper@willow.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you.

Our long-term plan will be available on our website soon. This provides a broad overview of the whole year. We will be observing your child as they play to find out more about their interests and how they are progressing. This helps us to plan for their future learning and development.

We use Tapestry as our online sharing platform between school and parents. You should have all received an email inviting you to log on and access this. You can use this to share any observations of your child. We really value the knowledge and understanding you have of your child. Gaining a whole picture of your unique child and catering for their needs can only be done when schools and parents work effectively together. Here are some examples of areas where your feedback would be useful.

What toys, games or activities does your child currently enjoy at home?

What does show interest in learning about at home?
e.g. What things do they like to get involved in?
What are they often asking questions about?

Is there anything significant happening in your child's life at the moment e.g. visits, holidays, new pets, family celebrations?

Does your child like performing? Are there any shows, stories or songs that they enjoy and like to replicate?

Do you have anything you would like to ask us about school or your child's progress and development at school?

This topic may have some sensitive issues for some families. Is there anything you would like us to consider when planning for your child?

Please return this as soon as you can, so that we can add your thoughts and ideas into the planning process. Thank you

