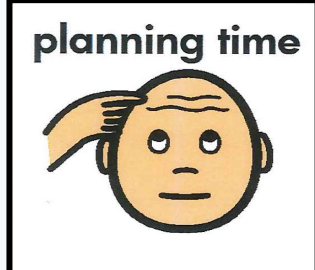




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Group Times



Supporting the brilliance of **group times** in nursery school

This is a short booklet about **GROUP TIMES**; why they happen, when they happen and how you can support your child to get the most out of this part of their nursery day.

Group Time starts at 8.45am

(and 12.30pm for children arriving on Wednesday afternoons)

When is Group Time?

- Group Time teaching starts at 8.45 (and 12.30pm for children arriving on Wednesday afternoons) and lasts for ten minutes. Children are then invited to make their plans for Explore Time.
- We know mornings are busy but if you are not able to arrive by 8.45 we will ask you to wait until 9.00 (12.45 on Wednesday afternoon) before we open the classroom doors. This enables Group Time teaching to be uninterrupted.

Thank you for your understanding.

What is Group Time?

- Group Time is a planned session that supports your child to learn new skills and gain new knowledge and understanding.
- Group Time happens every day. It is one of the ways in which we provide your child with a broad and rich curriculum.
- It is full of language, literacy, mathematics and Building Learning Power.

Group Time teaches your child to:

- Grow a sense of belonging and group culture.
- Learn collaboratively and capitalise on the knowledge and skills of each other.
- Develop the language of learning.
- Grow resilience, reciprocity and 'school readiness'.
- Attend to learning and develop listening and attention skills.
- Experience a broad range of learning opportunities.