

# Literacy

Books and reading are at the heart of our practice and we read to the children every day at story time. Books are also shared with children during continuous provision time as this is often the ideal time to share a book in a 1-1 or very small group situation. Language comprehension is developed with the children as we talk with them about the world around them and as we explore together a range of books, rhymes, poems and songs. Small world play and story basket resources help bring books to life and allow the children the opportunity to revisit what they have heard. We use a word wall to support children with new vocabulary.



A selection of books is available throughout the Nursery, and each week, a Reading Champion is recognised. The children are encouraged to take home books to share with their families and, for many years now, the nursery has enjoyed strong links with the local library in Shildon town centre.

Early writing skills are encouraged in Nursery. Children make marks with crayons, paint, pencils and when using other tools with different resources such as sand, soil and dough. The children are encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make as they learn to explain their thoughts and ideas.



**CRC Article 28: All children have the right to learn.**