

## Understanding the World

Helping children understand more about the world in which they live. This involves talking about our local community and providing the children with an understanding of nature, animals and individual differences.

Our environment and relationships will help the children: -

- Understand and appreciate the local community
- Recognise and celebrate individual differences
- Learn how to care for our environment and living things
- Begin to understand interesting things about communities beyond their own
- Experience the elements
- Explore and investigate the natural world
- Begin to understand that people are different, have different views and opinions and we need to respect these
- Be curious about the wider world

Children need to grow up in environments where adults understand and respect others' beliefs and realise we are all unique. For this to happen, we need to know and understand the child's home environment and introduce them to the world beyond (cultural capital). We do this by celebrating all types of religious festivals and events throughout the year. By talking about our differences and helping the children respect these differences. We plant in our garden and the children take home plants to care for. We go on nature walks, talk about the seasons and the changes in the environment. We talk about different occupations and do role play.