



OLD CHURCH  
Nursery School



Playing with water and  
getting messy is FUN!



...but what is my  
child learning?



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

Turn Taking  
Sharing  
Helping each other  
Making friends  
Making choices  
Caring  
Sustain concentration  
Learning to work in a group  
Confidence to explore different textures  
Make connections between one life experience and another  
Select own resources  
Positive approach to new experiences

### **Communication and Language Development:**

Conversations  
Sharing ideas  
Learn new vocabulary  
(names of objects and resources)  
Develop Descriptive vocabulary  
Sound of water  
Negotiate with others  
Respond to what others are saying  
Descriptive vocabulary  
Recalling experiences  
Make up own stories

### **Expressive Arts and Design:**

Pretend play - making tea, cooking  
Imaginative Play - using small world resources  
Singing  
Creating narratives  
Understanding that different media can be mixed to create new textures  
Exploring materials using the senses  
Recognise and name colours  
Know that different tools have different uses and effects

### **Physical Development:**

Fine manipulative skills  
Large motor skills  
Handling resources  
Control and coordination  
Recognising when they are wet  
Aiming - Targets  
Hand and eye coordination  
Movement  
Manipulate different media to achieve a planned effect  
Spatial awareness

### **Mathematical Development:**

Patterns and shapes  
Weight - heavy/light  
Size - big/small  
Volume - full/empty  
Positional - up/down, under/over, in/out  
Counting - using number names  
Compare 2 sets  
Simple addition/subtraction  
Problem solving

### **Understanding of the World:**

Show curiosity  
Awareness of sea creatures  
Observe changes happening - hot to cold, liquid to solid  
Ask questions  
Absorbency  
Bubbles  
How things work - water wheels  
Predict what might happen  
Make suggestions  
Investigate and find out about different materials and their properties  
Explain own knowledge and understanding