

Welcome to Garnock Community Campus Early Years Class



This pack includes a tour of our playroom with some further information on the areas in our EY environment.

Enjoy!

Welcome



This is our main gate, where we have a secure entry system which leads you to the Early Years main door. This main door leads on to the children's cloakroom area, where you will be greeted by a member of staff. Children are also supported to use our self-registration trees before entering the playroom.



In the cloakroom your child will be given their own peg and dookit. We advise you to check this regularly as this is where you will find parent information, letters and your children's work.

Remember to wander around the cloakroom and check the displays. These are filled with further information that you may find useful.

We fill the cloakroom with the children's learning and experiences. There are displays and floor books for you to explore as you wish.

We also have a lending library. Your child will be provided with a library bag where they can then pick a book from a varied selection to take home and enjoy. Once you are finished with the book just return and change for another. You and your child can do this as often as you like!



Construction and STEM area -

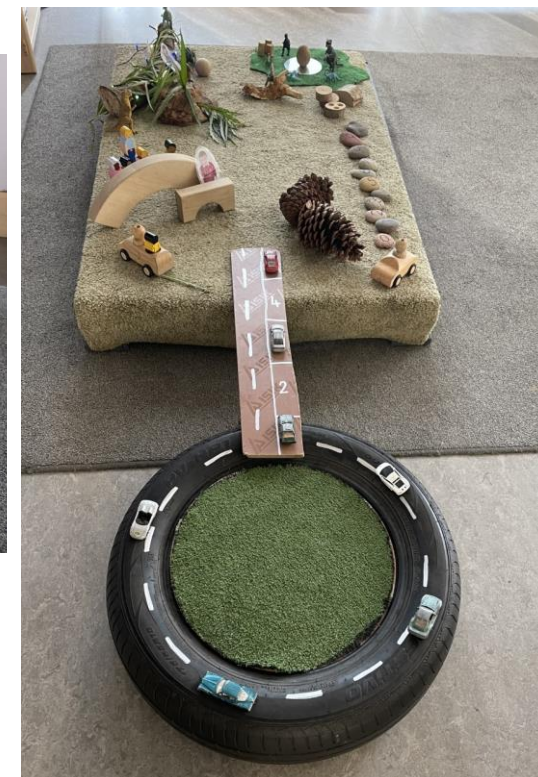
In this area children are free to explore using their creativity and imaginations! Using the selection of mark making resources available, the children are encouraged to create their own blueprints before using the loose parts materials to build and construct their models in different ways.

Small World -

Our small world area allows children to explore and act out experiences building on their personal, social and emotional skills. The children can freely access loose parts further create and explore their ideas.



Both playrooms also have promethean boards. These are interactive screens that support children's learning through interactive cross curricular experiences.





Snack Area-

Children are provided with a healthy snack daily. During this time they are given lots opportunities to develop their independence and self-help skills. All children are encouraged to select their own plate and cup before using the tongs or spoons to self-select the snack they would like. Children can freely access water from our drinking station throughout the session. Milk and water is provided at snack times.

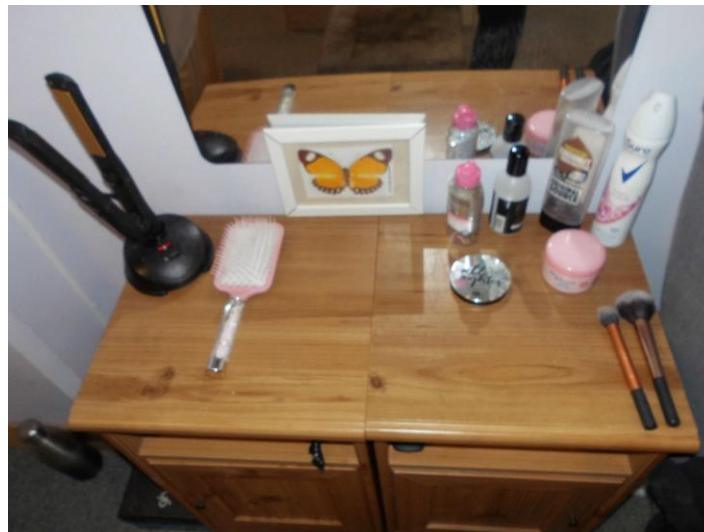




Home Corner-



This is an area where a child's imagination can run free. Although called a home corner this can transform into a school, shop, veterinary practice, hospital, you name it! Like all areas of the playroom this is based on children's interests and is adapted accordingly. Children have the opportunity to participate in lots of real life experiences through their play. This can include using utensils to prepare fruit and vegetables, washing and drying dishes and using bandages. Within this area the children will also be exposed to lots of different environmental prints, supporting their early literacy skills



Creative Area -



Children LOVE messy play. Be it paint, dough, shaving foam, mud, gloop — you name it we do it! We ask you kindly to please bring your children to Early Years in their old clothes (or EY uniform should this be your preference— this is entirely optional!), as although our paints are child friendly we don't want any good clothing being spoiled. Children are free to become the next Picasso! We encourage self-selection of paint and collage resources.



Malleable Station –

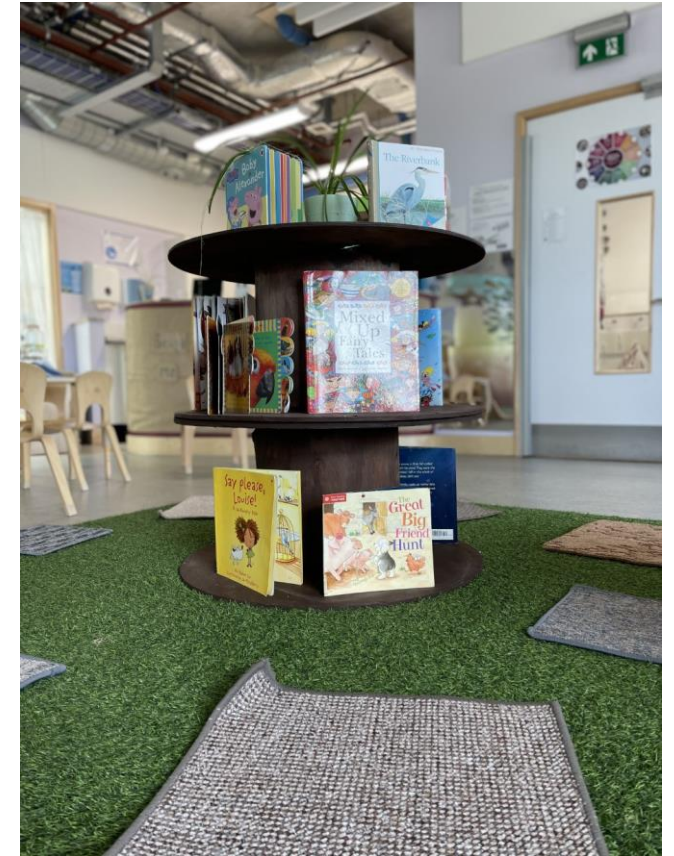
Our Malleable area allows children to develop their independence skills by providing the opportunity to make their own playdough. The children are supported to do this by following our playdough recipe step by step. This area is well equipped with a range of authentic materials to support and scaffold play experiences. These experience allow children to understand their scenes by exploring how things feel, smell and taste. This creates an awareness and an understanding of the world around them.

Quiet Areas -

Throughout our playroom we have plenty of quiet areas and cosy nooks. These tranquil areas are perfect for a lovely story, bonding with peers, sensory and self-regulation times.



Our environment is enriched with a variety of literacy, this ranges from story books to environmental print this allows our children to use elements of literacy in everyday life. Children can freely access books throughout their session, where they can flip through the pages independently or enjoy a lovely story with an adult. There are plenty of resources that allow children to create their own stories - story stones, story spoons, puppets and small world.





We Promote Risky Play Using Loose Parts

This may just look like an area full of rubbish ready for the skip, but this is actually a selection of our loose parts. Children don't see junk they see steering wheels, seats for a bus/car/train/plane, trampolines and much more. Exploring loose parts is great for children's development. Physically, it develops children's fine and gross motor skills through lifting and carrying. Children will progress in their communication skills as they discuss their plans and ideas with their peers, working together and potentially learn new vocabulary from each other. Children will develop an understanding of shape, size, weight, sorting, counting and measuring through building their creations. The learning opportunities and children's enjoyment are endless.



Green Fingers



The children love developing their knowledge of living things. Here at Garnock EY we love exploring the outdoor environment, we enjoy hunting to find different bugs and insects.

We love to grow our own produce, here we have strawberries and sweetcorn which the children have planted and helped looked after. Previously we have grown corn, potatoes, radishes and much more.

Mud Kitchen

Another opportunity for the children to explore messy play. The kitchen comes with a pump operated sink, pots, pans, spoons, whisks and much more. The children explore their imagination making meals, washing up etc. Some children simply enjoy emptying and filling containers or playing in the water flowing from the tap—all of this is learning through play.



We hope you enjoy the little tour of our Early
Years Class!

Have a lovely, fun filled day.

