



Circle Time and Discussion times

Circle time occurs three times in the day though the carpet area is used often as a place to have the children sit together to wait for the set up of the next activity for the day. The specific times for Circle Time/ discussion time are as followed:

1. Early Morning Discussion: 09:30-10:00
2. Morning Circle Time: 10:15-10:30
3. Afternoon Circle Time: 13:30-13:50
4. Evening Discussion:

These times are specific to enable the children to be able to effectively transition to the next part of the days as needs be. The length of time also accommodates for what proceeds this time. Circle Time is predominantly done in larger groups to allow for the children to be able to learn skills such as; listening skills, turn- taking and confidence to speak in groups. We wish to encourage this as much as possible to ensure that our children are accommodated for their unique learning goals.

The Early Morning Discussion is the following:

It is a time where the children can be expressive and talk about their personal experiences relevant to their cultures, new discoveries, introducing various new elements to the children and what they will be learning. This is really an informal chat and it does not need to have the children all listening where the discussion is being held, it is really another opportunity to learn the interests of your key child. This could even be as the children has just entered the room and to also have a one to one talk with them about what they are engaged in.

The Morning Circle Time is the following:

It is to welcome the children into the setting and starting the children off with listening to us. This is key to ensure that the children understand that they are welcome and have started the day within the setting. At this time we wish to encourage the children to freely express how they feel according to the questions which you have been asking. The questions could range from the following:

1. How was your weekend?
2. What is the weather like today?
3. What do you think you will do today at the nursery?
4. What happens next in the day?
5. How do you feel today? (Happy, Sad, Angry)

Afternoon Circle Time is the following:

This is really a time to have the children in large groups to do something in which engages them so that they are learning various social skills as listed above. This is a chance to get the children engrossed in a mass learning opportunity. This could be the following:

- Listening games
- Nursery Rhymes- as a decision-making activity **as the children request what they would like to sing using the various circle time nursery rhymes that are laminated in which colours can be explored**
- Discussing rules
- Phonics of the week
- Exploring British Sing language
- Discussions about topics of interest or engagement

*Please refer to the places in which this can be found in the document for the first time

- Story time which is listening based
- Yoga

The Evening Discussion is the following:

It is effectively a wind down for the children and a reflective time how they think the day has been for them. Listening to what they say and actioning what can be done in that frame of time which us quiet to help settle them before they leave. This could be the following activity:

- Story time/ listening sack
- Puppet show
- Nursery rhymes acted out with props
- Construction with lego to make houses
- Puzzles and various board games