



Kingfisher Class

At Garfield Primary School, our nurture group is called Kingfisher Class. We work in tandem with the Year 2 class teachers and our Inclusion Lead.



Our nurture group is made up of a small number of children from Year 2 who need additional support to manage their social, emotional and attachment needs. Some children can find the whole class environment too overwhelming, which makes it difficult for them to learn. In Kingfisher, we help pupils overcome these difficulties so they are able to learn more effectively. This is done through a nurturing approach, in a safe and structured environment where the children can become more independent and improve their understanding of relationships with others. They learn how to make friends, work together, practise good behaviour and deal with their emotions.

In Kingfisher, we work in a way that is very similar to a home environment. Our classroom has a welcoming home play area, comfortable furniture and a kitchen and dining space, which provides a calm learning environment. We aim to achieve a fair balance between emotions and social skills and academic work. The group enjoys a snack every morning - this is a social time around a dining table sharing a meal, co-operating, taking turns and speaking and listening. Kingfisher children also learn cooking and gardening weekly which helps them build their independence and learn valuable life skills.

The children who attend Kingfisher Class still remain a part of their original class and learn with them every afternoon. All pupils are registered in their own class both in the morning and in the afternoon. They also return to their classes for P.E., Computing and Music as well as assemblies, outings and special class events. The children spend lunchtimes and playtimes with their peers.

Children usually stay in Kingfisher Class for between two and four terms.

Feel free to talk to one of the Kingfisher staff if you have any further questions about this lovely project. We will be happy to help.



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