

Da Vinci class are a primary class within the Sensory learning approach. In class, there are 8 pupils aged 6 to 9 years old, a Class Teacher, Senior Teaching Assistant and 3 Teaching Assistants.

We are an active and inquisitive class and like to use all our senses to explore new activities. Pupils take part in number songs, sensory stories, Attention Autism sessions, play, messy play, mark making and creative activities. We also take part in physical activities, such as sensory circuits, TAC PAC and pupils physico programmes.

We will be focusing on different areas of the curriculum with communication as a key learning priority, using strategies such as Makaton, signing, PECs, individual communication books and devices and speaking and listening activities. We will be following a Sensory curriculum, as pupils learn best when learning is related to their own experiences. Pupils learn well in a multi-sensory environment, through structured play and a topic-based approach. Consistency and repetition helps our pupils to learn new skills. We work on developing pupils' independence through daily activities, personal care and enrichment topics such as sensory play, gardening, and class topics.

We work on developing pupil's skills in 5 key areas which are; My Body, My Communication, My Thinking, My Independence, Me and My Community. We will be working on pupil's personal targets every day, whilst having fun in the process. We look forward to visiting our local environment and going shopping to buy items for cooking and class snacks. Pupils will take part in horticultural activities and will enjoy 'meet and greet' sessions with the small animals at school.

