

Handel are a primary class within the Structured learning approach. The curriculum is tailored to the individual needs of each pupil and is delivered through a TEACCH approach. This involves pupils being taught in small groups, sharing games and resources with adult support, whilst learning skills, knowledge and understanding within activities that provide an opportunity to develop curiosity, engagement and language/communication skills. Pupils also work at a 1:1 area with an adult and are taught new skills at the individual level of each pupil, focusing on maths, literacy and key skills. Pupils also work at independent workstations. These are filled with individualised motivating and interesting tasks and resources for pupils to complete independently. In the leisure area we have a tent, comfy bean bags and cushions, to provide a 'home from home' environment and a place where pupils can self-regulate. There are games, books and toys to encourage shared and co-operative play.

In addition to literacy and maths, pupils participate in art, cooking, music and other enrichment activities which are varied, depending on the time of the year. We will be making visits to the yard to see and care for the animals, as well as having opportunities to explore the sensory garden throughout the changing seasons. We will be going out into the community on the minibus to do shopping for our snacks and cooking ingredients. We will plan some fun trips to the park and trips out during the Christmas period and the summer months. It is going to be a busy year, but we are going to have a great deal of fun learning and growing together in Handel class.

