## Kenilworth Nursery School

The staff team worked together to define our values and beliefs for Early Childhood Education.

We decided what our 'Perfect School' would be like and what we value most.

## Our Values

- Safe and nurturing environment in which everyone is welcomed and respected.
- Children encouraged to explore and given the time and freedom to ask questions and find answers
- Positive relationships between children and children, children and staff, staff and staff and Parents
- Parents as equals, co-responsible for their child's learning
- Children's individual needs are noticed and considered
- Highly trained staff who continue to learn and research their role 'beside the child'
- Freedom to learn outdoors in open spaces that recognise a child's need to move.
- All staff sharing one ethos, understanding ideas and principles of what we want for children and the educational philosophy of socio-constructivism that supports this.
- Each child is unique and has a place in society, beginning in an environment that supports them to become young citizens accessing a broad range of experiences together
- Children are allowed to express themselves in different ways and are listened to and noticed
- Child centred, beginning with their experiences, skills and interests and adapting the learning environment based on their relationships and responses.
- A buzz of engagement in a thoughtfully planned and resourced environment that is dynamic
- Structure without rigidity so that adults ensure children feel safe but also are flexible in their responses to them and their lines of enquiry.
- Full of opportunities express and explore and to learn from other children within carefully considered groups.
- Time and space to think and co-construct learning together.