



## A day in the life of Tadpoles...

8.15am Tadpoles opens to those children who are in early club

### 8.45am Tadpoles Opens to all children

As soon as all children are registered the door to the garden is open and the children are able to move freely throughout the classroom and garden to see where they would like to play or what they would like to play with. Fun and exciting activities based on that of the Childrens interests are all set up ready to play both inside and outside! All the rest of our toys and resources are all at Childrens height so they can self-select throughout their session of what they would like to do. We have several areas which get set up every day which are:

- Maths's area
- Literacy Area
- Home corner
- Construction area
- Arts and crafts area
- Sensory table
- Painting area
- Water tray
- Sand tray
- Mud pit
- Forestry area
- book area (calm area)

Please take a look on our website at all of our different areas. (If they are not on the website currently, we update the gallery section regularly so keep checking and they will come back soon.)

9.30am/10.00am Café opens and children are able to attend café as and when they are wanting to do so. All children will be offered and encouraged to come to café whilst it is open. Café is done both inside and outside to encourage all children to have café. The children really enjoy to have a lovely café picnic in the garden on the summery days!

A drink of fresh water is available throughout their whole time at Tadpoles but at café we provide milk or water for them to choose from. We also provide a snack of breadsticks or crackers with their healthy snack that is provided by parents/carers from home such as a piece of fruit or another substantial healthy snack.

Free flow inside and out continues throughout the day. We also provide an adult lead activity in the morning session and afternoons session of which is entirely based on the Childrens interest. For example, we had a lot of talk from the children about volcanoes and dinosaurs so for the adult lead activity that specific afternoon the staff member provided all of the ingredients to make a volcano eruption which the children were all very excited about! Within that one activity they developed their maths skills by counting how long it would take to erupt, their physical skills by mixing the ingredients together, their literacy skills by looking at and helping to prepare what was on the ingredients list, their personal social and emotional skills by sharing their turn at mixing, their technology skills by looking up real life volcanoes on the preschool tablets, their communication and language skills because they were listening to what instructions were next to make the volcano and finally their expressive art and design skills because they all drew what the volcanoes looked like after it had erupted. So, although they learnt a lot of different skills from all of our areas of learning within our curriculum (the early years foundation stage) they had so much fun!

Here at Tadpoles, we want the children to learn from their very first experience of preschool that learning and school is fun so they are always looking forward to coming in to a fun and stimulating environment where they are learning at the same time! This is why we have a balance of child-initiated activities with being free flow all day every day but with the added mix of an adult lead activity too which the children can participate/observe if they wish.

11.30 We clap to tidy up ready for lunch time, all of the children are fantastic at helping each other to tidy up ready for their lunch time and for their new friends to come in the afternoon. At this point we do group time where we sing a song, read a story or even play with the parachute outside before we sit down for lunch.

11.45- Afternoon children arrive and some morning session children go home.

**Lunch time 11.45-12.30**

Children bring in their own packed lunch and sit down with their friends to eat. Sometimes we do lunch time as a fun picnic outside in the summery days which the children love! We finish off lunch time by putting on one of our fun cd stories that they can listen to on the cd player whilst they let their food go down before getting up to play again.

We are a no nuts and no sweets preschool, for lunch box ideas please click on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

**12.30:** Some children go home and some children come in for the afternoon.

Once everyone is registered, we go straight back to free flow again. With a different adult lead activity for the afternoon.

**1.30:** Afternoon café

**2.45:** Some children go home at this time for an early finish.

**3.15:** We do tidy up time and do a group activity such as singing or read a story before we get the children all ready to go home.

**3.30:** All children go home.

Sometimes we will go up to our lovely forest school which is within the school grounds at the back of the junior school field!

We also use our scooter park on a regular basis as well as our gardening area!

Please see our website for pictures of these areas!

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Where we will be happy to help you with any queries you may have 😊