

Foundation's New Garden

We are very excited about the new garden area in between the Nursery and the Reception classes. The work was carried out over the summer holidays and the results are fantastic!

Previously our garden looked like this...



The staff planned the design of the area having worked in the garden all year round and knowing what the children needed. They thought carefully about maximising the space in the garden.



The staff and the children wanted the surface of the garden changed to make it safer. They also wanted the garden to be able to be used whatever the weather.

The finished garden is wonderful! The surface is safe and allows the children to access the garden in all types of weather. There is an outdoor water tray which is very popular with the children. They love to play on the outdoor musical instruments and look at themselves in the mirrors! The children are now able to access the white boards and black boards that are outside.

The children are enjoying exploring lots of activities that are available to them outdoors. The garden really is an extension of the classrooms and there are always children playing and exploring outside. Each day the staff set up activities in the garden which support the six areas of the curriculum.

The staff have organised sessions during the day for the Nursery children and Reception children to be together in the garden. The children are involved in focus activities which support and develop their speaking and listening skills. These focus sessions

have been really successful with the younger children learning from the older children, and also the other way around!

Here are some photographs which show the children playing and exploring in the new garden. If you want to see it in action then come and have a look for yourself!



