



Dormouse class are part of the Structured learning approach. There are 12 pupils in Dormouse Class, who are supported by a Class Teacher, a High-Level Teaching Assistant, and 2 Teaching Assistants. All of the teaching and learning in Dormouse class is conducted through the TEACCH model (structured teaching). Pupils are supported with visual aids, such as individual schedules, social stories and visual step-by-step instructions, to aid their comprehension and understanding of the world around them.

Pupils engage in daily group and one-to-one sessions, where they learn new skills and practice sharing space and resources with others. During independent work station tasks, they consolidate any new knowledge or skills they learned during these sessions. In addition, pupils also participate in daily leisure activities, which are centred around child-initiated play, as well as further development of their social interaction skills.

The learning topics for this academic year will be; Getting to Know You, Celebration, Transport, Animal Magic, The World Around Us and Fantasy Land (Fairy Tales, Pirates, The Sea, Dinosaurs, etc.) Our lessons are fun and interesting and they help pupils to extend their social and personal skills. Pupils learn how to play together, share, and take turns.

Dormouse class enjoy painting and art, where everyone has lots of fun expressing themselves. We are working hard to instil into our pupils the pleasure of reading and listening to stories. Pupils enjoy physical education sessions as well as using their senses to explore nature in the sensory garden and visiting farm animals while learning how to care for them. Pupils learn through observing, experimenting and having fun throughout the day.

