

Nurturing approaches are at the heart of everything we do at Thomas Muir Primary. In 2022/2023 we will be continuing to develop whole school nurturing approaches as well as providing targeted support for individuals.

The 6 Nurture Principles

1. Children's learning is understood developmentally and not by age.
2. The classroom and school offers a safe base.
3. Nurture is important in the development of wellbeing.
4. Language is understood as a vital means of communication.
5. All behaviour is communication.
6. Transitions are significant in the lives of children.

What is a nurture group?

A Nurture Group is a small group of between 6-8 pupils. Attending a nurture group provides children with excellent opportunities to improve their emotional wellbeing, social skills and self-esteem alongside learning across the curriculum. The group follows a structured and consistent routine with clear boundaries so that children feel safe, secure and ready to learn. Within the group children work on small achievable targets, for example taking turns.

Benefits

There are many great benefits and we are confident that being part of our Nurture Group will help children to:

- settle in school
- listen to instructions concentrate and focus on a task
- share and take turns
- build friendships
- understand feelings and emotions and begin to deal with these

Our Nurture Classroom, The Rainbow Room is located in the downstairs GP room. Once completed, there will be 4 distinct areas:

- a kitchen and dining area
- a living area
- a learning area
- a play area

