



# Pumpkin Pie Childcare

Welcome to the  
Pumpkin Pips

(for our babies up to 2 years)

# Pips Curriculum

Our babies follow a loose weekly plan, based on their interests and developmental needs. Below are some of the steps that we work on with your children during their time in this room.

## Pips Curriculum 2025

- Communication and Language**
  - I copy facial expressions and I start to understand single words.
  - As I get a little older, I can begin to follow simple instructions.
  - I am able to communicate my needs and wants in a variety of ways. This can include using hand gestures, some single words and the use of Makaton.
  - I am developing my love of rhymes and songs and can use this to understand and copy actions and words.
  - I can listen to simple stories & understand what is happening with the help of pictures.
  - I may start to develop conversation, jumping from topic to topic and starting to put 2 words together.
- Personal, Social and Emotional**
  - I build bonds with familiar adults and I am starting to play alongside other children.
  - I engage with others through gestures, gaze and then talk.
  - I can use my imagination in play and can act out everyday actions that I have seen.
  - I demonstrate a range of emotions.
  - I feel confident when taken out and about in the local area as I know that my key people are with me.
  - I may start to show frustrations and reject help as I become more independent.
- Physical Development**
  - I can sit and concentrate on an activity of my choice for a short period of time.
  - I can safely move in a range of ways and have control over my whole body.
  - I can go up and down stairs with some support if required.
  - I can use the palmer grip when drawing and will sometimes copy a line or circle and make my own marks.
  - I show an increasing desire to be independent. (e.g. by using cutlery to feed myself.)
  - I enjoy building and can construct a tower of three or more bricks.
  - I am a confident walker and may be able to run and climb.
- Understanding the World**
  - I am starting to explore materials with different properties.
  - I explore natural materials inside and outside.
  - I go on walks around the local area and experience the changes in seasons and weather.
- Expressive Art & Design**
  - I can explore paint using fingers and other body parts, as well as brushes and tools.
  - I enjoy using a range of sound makers and instruments playing with them in different ways.
  - I start to develop pretend play.
- Mathematics**
  - I am beginning to say some number names.
  - I can match some simple shapes.
  - I begin to know some colour names.
  - I can build with a range of objects and use inset puzzles.
  - I enjoy exploring measurement and volume through messy/water play.
  - I can begin to understand the sequencing of my day.
- Literacy**
  - I am developing a love of books and starting to have favourites.
  - I respond to familiar pictures and phrases from books.
  - I enjoy drawing freely.
  - I enjoy our core nursery rhymes and may join in with some activities.



# Meet The Pips Team



Emma  
Room Leader



Kate  
Deputy Room Leader



Sophie P  
Deputy Room Leader



Marie  
Senior Practitioner



Kiera (mat leave)  
Senior Practitioner



Ali  
SENCO



Julia



Leanne



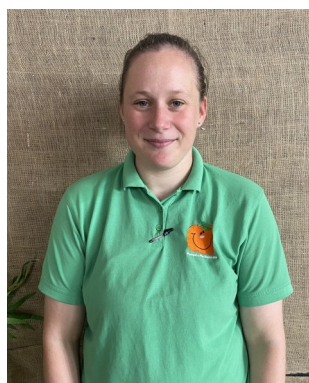
Denise



Amy O



Bev



Amy L



Rebecca



# Our Space



We can offer nursery places from newborn upwards.

Our babies enjoy their own separate space within the building which enables them to learn and develop in a quieter, cosier space.

They also benefit from a separate sleep room, an enclosed area for our youngest babies to safely explore, messy activity spaces and easy access to our all year round garden designed with them in mind.



## Outdoor Space

Our babies use the front garden which allows us to bring them out in small tailored groups, or larger ones depending on the activities for the day.





# Messy Play

One of our babies' favourite pastimes is messy play. Whether it's a tray full of shaving foam, water, pasta, paint, or cereal, getting covered head to toe is the most fun you can have as a little person!

