

What you will not see in our nursery:	Instead you will find:
All children producing an almost identical piece of work, like a conveyor belt	Children being encouraged to be creative. This may be in the art and craft area, with an end product to take home, but is as likely to be making up a story, acting out a story, building a model, mark-making in the sand or on a white-board, with nothing to take home
Children spending long periods sitting and listening	Children being active learners, learning by doing, by trying things out, by asking questions... They listen to each other and the staff in small groups and one-to-one, and the staff can ensure that they have understood
Children copying or tracing their name from name cards	Children mark making, having the experience of making large movements with their whole arm (often outside) that are necessary before children can begin to control a pencil, having opportunities to pick up small objects like sequins to develop their fine motor movement, being shown how to form the letters correctly. Staff showing children how to do it when there is the need, and when the child is ready
Children being told they have to do a particular activity	Children choosing what to do so that they are interested and motivated to find out, to ask questions of themselves and others
Children having to cut out something the adult has decided on	Children wanting to find out how to use scissors effectively because they have the need – perhaps they are making something