

## For ALL children aged 3 months - 5 years Giving your little tadpole the best leap forward! 'Children gain knowledge and skills that will help them in their future lives' Ofsted 2009

Leaping Frogs Day Nursery is located between the Wiltshire towns of Zeals and Mere. We enjoy our own bright, welcoming premises set in 1.2 acres. Children can explore and learn in an inspiring and safe environment. Learning whilst 'living the good life' planting and caring for plants and vegetables and looking after our animals which include miniature ponies, guinea pigs, ducks & chickens.

Our caring and passionate staff create a 'home from home' environment where young children can learn through play to become confident, creative and sociable. At Leaping Frogs the childrens individual needs and interests are always at the heart of everything we do and we are committed to helping ALL children fulfil their full potential.

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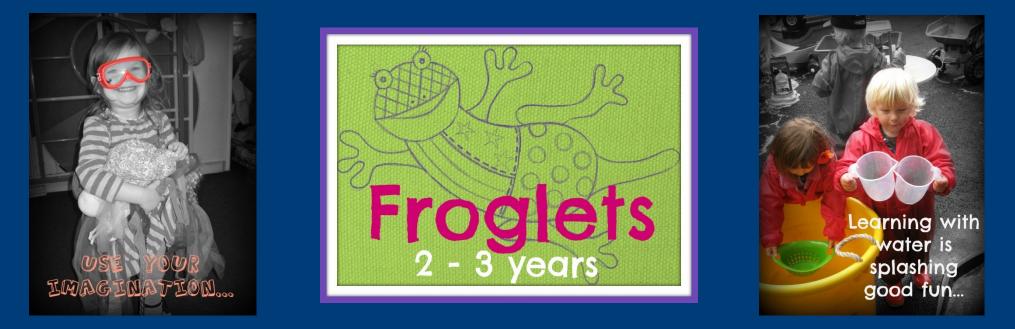
Our **baby** room has a natural theme with carefully selected toys made from natural materials such as treasure baskets, traditional wooden toys, story bags, boxes to explore and beautifully knitted and hand sewn cuddlies. We provide a calm environment where babies can learn through play, exploration and new experiences.

Our caring and friendly baby room staff will work with you on individual plans to suit your baby's requirements to make sure that you are completely happy with how your baby will be cared for. The baby room has direct access to outdoor space with soft play equipment. It also has designated sleep, baby changing and bottle preparation areas.









Our Froglets room is designed for 2-3 year olds and is packed full of fun, exciting activities and experiences. This room has direct access to outdoor play, a race track, grassed area with playhouses, vegetable gardens, play equipment and our pets corner (miniature Shetland ponies, ducks, chicks and guinea pigs). It also has a designated sleep area, book and role play corners, messy play area and indoor slide. Learning through play couldn't be any more fun!









Our Froggies room will prepare your child for starting school. Activities planned are fun, interesting and full of adventure!

Your child's progress is monitored and activities are planned specifically to enhance your individual child's learning experience. Froggies room has direct access to outdoor space, where your child can learn how to care for animals, drive cars around our race track, hide in tipi's, swing from trees, grow vegetables, make pies in our mud kitchen and slide from our wooden playhouse.











At Leaping Frogs we work under the EYFS (Early Years Statutory Framework) designed to ensure that all children get the best possible start in life. The four different themes of the EYFS reflect the ethos we work under:

1. That each child is unique.

That positive relationships between children, parents and staff support learning.
 That the learning environment is enabling.

4. That learning and development are protected through play, exploration and creativity.

The unique child reaches out to relate to people and things through the CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING, which move through all areas of learning.

Playing and exploring Active learning Creating and thinking critically

#### The prime areas of learning are:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
 Communication and Language
 Physical Development

Specific areas of learning are:

Literacy
 Mathematics
 Understanding the world
 Expressive Arts and Design

'There are excellent systems for exchanging of information between staff, parents and other professionals and this ensures there is continuity in children's care and development' Ofsted 2009 Our policies are kept in a file in reception and can be viewed online at www.leapingfrogs.org





We have fun on our birthdays and eat lots of yummy cake! We share nicely and care for all our friends. We learn to express ourselves and our personalities develop as we become more and more confident.

'They listen carefully as others speak & sometimes spontaneously compliment other children on their achievements. The children behave well & play cooperatively together, sharing fairly & taking turns. They are helped to become confident & independent.' Ofsted 2009

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Coming to Leaping Frogs is our favourite day of the week, we have lots of friends. We love dancing to music with our friends and teachers. We like pouring our own drinks and selecting our own snack at snack time. We learn to put our own shoes & socks on and go to the toilet all by ourselves.





Communication and Language (Líteracy)

We enjoy listening to stories and acting them out. During circle time we share our ideas and develop good listening skills. We learn to be confident and clear communicators. Our inquisitive nature is always encouraged and our teachers never tire of the word 'why?' We do lots of activities which encourage our fine motor skills which helps us learn to write our names and draw pictures.

We sing jolly phonics songs and learn the letter sounds. We learn how to handle books and enjoy retelling familiar stories with all the actions! We are keen to share stories with each other and try to guess what is going to happen next.

'Staff recognise the importance of helping children develop good communication and language skills. They ask many questions that encourage them to think and talk about what they are doing'. Ofsted 2009

Staff trained to provide BLAST programmes (Designed to enhance and enrich the speech, language and communication skills of 3-4 year old children). more details available at www.blastprogramme.co.uk





# Physical Development

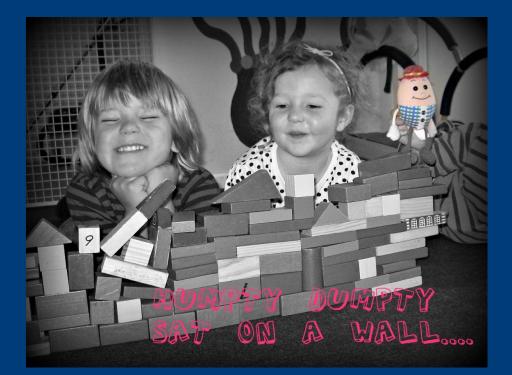
In our outdoor classroom we love to run and jump around, play chase and hide in our tipi. We play with lots of sports equipment and every summer we have a fun sports day. Our trampolines are great and we love bouncing like Tigger! We play lots of games to help us develop our fine motor skills, such as beading, threading, pouring & drawing.

'They are encouraged to be active. They enjoy the morning exercise routine and use a wide variety of interesting and challenging equipment which supports their physical development effectively. They play outside daily, often walking to the playing field where they have ample space to run freely'. Ofsted 2009

We love to dig for buried treasure in the large indoor sandpit. We use our imaginations and pretend to jump out of the sea on to our own desert island, safe from crocodiles! Our outdoor pirate ship ball pit is great for jumping around in and we bake lots of mud pies in our outdoor mud kitchen.

'They learn about the importance of good hygiene and healthy eating. They prepare nutritious foods and eat vegetables they have grown in their garden' Ofsted 2009





We love to draw numbers with chalks on the playground and sometimes we see who can make the longest snake out of bricks and then count them! Going on a shape walk is always fun, we have to look for circles, triangles and squares.

'Many children can count correctly and they solve simple number problems during adult-led and everyday activities'. Ofsted 2009

We are very lucky to have such a lovely nursery in our community and now you have fab space! P. Deeker



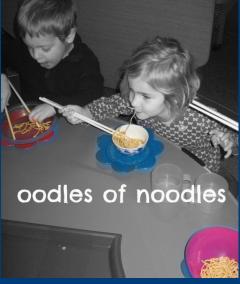
We love to sing and act out counting songs. We count and learn to recognise our numbers.
Building really tall towers and models is great fun, we learn through matching and selecting colours and shapes. We enjoy measuring, filling and pouring in the sand and water trays. It's always fun and we are learning everyday!





# the World

We loved incubating the eggs and waiting for the baby chicks to hatch out, they were so cute and we cuddled them. We water and plant seeds, we have to pull all the weeds out as well! We enjoy baking yummy cakes and preparing and tasting new and interesting food such as Chinese food, the chopsticks were a bit tricky!





We enjoy playing computer games, developing our mouse control and learning which buttons to press. We love being VIP of the week when we are asked to bring in special items from home, even our family and pets!

'Children take part in an interesting and varied programme of activities that include many first hand experiences to help them make sense of the world. For example, they take an active role in gardening, planting seeds, watering plants and weeding; they handle chicks talking eagerly about how they have grown and changed' Ofsted 2009

Expressíve Arts and Desígn

We love to dance and sing, we role play and dress up as fairies, pirates, policemen and princesses. Getting messy, painting, sticking and creating masterpieces is great fun! We play instruments and act out stories and rhymes. We love to perform for family and friends in our Christmas play. We explore playdough, clay and design models using junk!





We love music and play lots of different instruments! We love to play along to our favourite songs. We role play being in a band and some of us play being in a big marching band in a carnival!

'The staff are interested in them, valuing them as individuals and recognising and praising their achievements'. Ofsted 2009

Special Areas

'The partnerships between staff, parents and other professionals and support for children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities are particular strengths of this setting' Ofsted 2009

At Leaping Frogs we care for children that have many different special requirements, such as diet allergies, speech and language disorders and delays, hearing problems, autism, diabetes and cerebral palsy. The staff are very caring and welcome ALL children. We are enthusiastic to further our knowledge about different disorders/needs by attending appropriate courses and will work closely with families/professionals to give your child the best possible care. We run smaller group activities so that your child can benefit from more focused learning opportunities and will adapt activities to suit each individual child's needs and abilities.

The smaller group activities provide more freedom for your child to express their ideas and to gain good listening and communication skills. Staff are extremely knowledgeable in this area. We are fortunate to have a mother with considerable knowledge in the area of speech and language, particularly for children with hearing difficulties. Leaping Frogs is recognised by the local authorities as being committed to helping children with hearing problems. The premises have been fitted with specialist sound field system equipment in both indoor areas.

'The staff have particular experience in working with children who have hearing impairment and / or speech and language delay. Adaptations to the premises and close liaison with other professionals ensures that they are extremely well supported'. Ofsted 2009





# Meet The Leaping Frogs staff



#### Victoria Oram & Becky Davies

Level 3 NVQ in Early Years Childcare. Advanced Child protection. Victoria (SENCO)Level 4 in Understanding the needs of children who are vulnerable and experiencing poverty and disadvantage.

Tadpole Room

Stephanie Sharpe - (Baby room leader) Level 3 NVQ in Early Years Childcare Donna Kelly - Working towards Level 2 NVQ in Childcare Froglets Room

Natasha Tealey - (2-3 yr old leader) Level 3 NVQ in Early Years Childcare

Donna Kelly - Working towards level 2 NVQ in Childcare

#### <u>Froggies Roon</u>

Cindy Tozer - (3-5 yr old room leader) Level 3 Diploma for children & young people's workforce Debbie Eveleigh - Working towards childcare qualifications

Accounts Department

Emma Hopwood

ALL STAFF ARE TRAINED IN FIRST AID, CHILD PROTECTION AND ARE CRB CHECKED. SOME STAFF HAVE ECAT AND BLAST TRAINING My son skips in and out of nursery every day & talks about how lovely his teachers are, I wish I'd found it sooner! H Charles

# Key person Elearníng journey books

All children have an assigned key person, their role is to monitor the individual child's development in each of early learning areas. This is achieved by observing the child during the day and recording observations in their own learning journey. Each child's individual learning journey book will contain samples of their creations, photographs and observations of them.

The books have become a wonderful keepsake for parents when their child moves on to primary school and have proved to be an invaluable record of their achievements. Parents are actively encouraged to be involved in the use of their child's learning journey book and are encouraged to add to it and take it home to share with their child and the family.

We hold regular meetings for parents to discuss goals and progress with their child's key person. We firmly believe that working closely with parents is the best way forward and we were praised by Ofsted as OUTSTANDING in this area.

The setting is OUTSTANDING at promoting an inclusive practice and working in partnership with parents and others. 'Working with parents and other professionals, they make well-informed decisions about the next steps in each child's learning and adapt activities to match their individual requirements. This approach ensures that the children make good progress across all areas of their learning'. Ofsted 2009

Torrí has lots of fun and enjoys Frogs so much she doesn't want to come home and I know she's learning lots and developing well. N. Stranger



# Meet some of our pets

Children learn how to feed and care for animals in our wonderful 1.2 acre outdoor classroom!

We incubated eggs and hatched out baby ducklings and chicks, they are very cute and the children held them and gave them food and water, we even gave the ducklings a few swimming lessons! They are enjoying their new home.

We have two miniature Shetland ponies, Bluebell who is 2 yrs old and Blossom who is only 1 yr old. Bluebell and Blossom are both girls and they like to be brushed and love lots of attention and cuddles.

Our three guinea pigs, Snuffles, Peggy and Fudge love to be cuddled and pushed around in prams.







What's for Lunch?



### Our Scrummy Menus

At Leaping Frogs we understand how important it is for children to eat a healthy, balanced and nutritious diet.
We have worked hard to produce inspiring menus using fresh, organic and where possible locally sourced ingredients to ensure the very best meals for your children.
We have drawn inspiration from the Annabel Karmel books and have prepared menus that are sure to delight ALL little appetites. (and the staff love them too!)

Children who attend breakfast club will be offered a selection of cereals, yoghurts and toasts with various toppings. During our morning sessions all children will receive a healthy snack consisting of a selection of fruits and breads.

Our weekly menus are uploaded to our website www.leapingfrogs.org If you would like a paper copy please telephone us on 01747 840373

Admissions & Fees

Leaping Frogs Day Nursery is open week days from 8am - 6pm. 51 weeks a year.

Our popular pre school sessions will run from 9.30am - 12.30pm and from 12.30pm to to 3.30pm Mon- Friday.

Children are eligible for 15 hours free funding each week, starting from the term after their 3rd birthday.

A copy of our current fee schedule is enclosed with this pack, a £50 deposit is required at time of registration and this will be refunded to you on your first terms invoice.

If you would like to register your child, please telephone us on 01747 840373 and we will post you a registration form. Alternatively you can download and print one from our website. www.leapingfrogs.org

Please register your child early to avoid disappointment. If you would like to discuss your child starting with us or would like to arrange to come and have a look around please telephone us on

01747 840373 We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Leaping Frogs has everything Max needs, especially the outdoor space and the amount of time they spend out there, whatever the weather! We will definitely be sending our daughter when she is older. J. Hirst





## Hip Hoppers Holiday Activity Club

For all children of primary school age



#### Looking for adventure during the school holidays?

Fantastic variety of activities on offer, great opportunity to' live the good life' and discover the outdoors at our 1.2 acre site. Groom ponies, cuddle guinea pigs, feed chickens and ducks! Home cooked meals and snacks. Run by qualified and CRB checked staff at Leaping Frogs Day Nursery, Zeals.

#### Prices

8am - 3.30pm £15 per day 8am - 6pm £20 per day There is a charge of £2 per day for a home cooked lunch

## Hip Hoppers Out of School Club

Pick ups and drop offs at Mere, Bourton & Zeals primary schools



#### Join in the fun before and after school at Hip Hoppers.

Our mini bus picks up and drops off at Mere, Bourton & Zeals primary schools. We have a wide range of activities on offer including Arts & Crafts, cooking, Pony grooming, pet care, outdoor adventure, den building, team games, homework, reading corner and chill out zone. Run by qualified and CRB checked staff at Leaping Frogs Day Nursery, Zeals.

#### Prices

£3.50 per hour Open 8am – 6pm Price includes a healthy breakfast, tea time snacks & drop off/collection from your child's school.

Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment. Registration forms and menus can be downloaded from our website

www.leapingfrogs.org or if you would prefer a paper copy sent to you telephone 01747 840373 payments to: Leaping Frogs Day Nursery New Road, Longcross, Zeals. BA12 6LL (Please make all cheques payable to Leaping Frogs Day Nursery CIC)

## It's where the hip kids hop!

## The Mud Kítchen

Do you remember making mud pies when you were little?

Your child can make and bake mud pies galore in our fantastic outdoor mud kitchen, this classic childrens activity is still as popular as ever!





Mud, mud, glorious mud......





## Explorers & Adventurers



At Leaping Frogs we like to explore the outdoors whatever the weather. We provide children with wellies and all weather suits so that they can experience all the seasons, exploring the changes in the nature around them.

We like to search for bugs and worms, grow our own vegetables and flowers. Collect eggs from our duck and chicken house. Play hide and seek behind trees, splash in muddy puddles. Listen to and act out our favourite stories in our woodland story circle. Collect Autumn leaves and make snowmen and footprints in the snow.

Jasper loves Frogs and can't wait to get there, he would happily come everyday if he could. Thank you. L Mullins Safe, fun & everything you want for your children. C. Moore



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