



## Our Vision, Values and Aims

### Our Vision

At Lerwick ELC we are passionate about the care, learning and development of all children. We strive to provide rich and nurturing early learning and childcare experiences which enable children and their families to reach their full potential. At the heart of our culture and ethos is the value that we place on children as individuals and the importance of working in partnership with families and other agencies to tailor each child's experiences accordingly across the contexts of both Nursery and home. We are committed to continuous self-evaluation to improve our setting and experiences for our children.

### Our Values

**Inclusion-** We value all children as individuals and recognise their fundamental right to play and learn

**Nurture-** We value nurturing and trusting relationships with our children, families, staff and the wider community

**Respect-** We value the right for everyone to be treated with dignity and respect.

**Growth-** We value the importance of an environment that provides thoughtful *interactions*, rich *experiences* and engaging *spaces* to enable all children to reach their full potential

### Our Aims

- To provide an environment that encourages all children to be *safe, happy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included*.
- To take a holistic view of the children's development, understanding their emotional, physical, creative and cognitive needs.
- To value the child's carer as their first educator and to develop positive relationship's with them to ensure every child reaches their full potential.
- Maintain a warm and welcoming environment for all children, families and the wider community who access the setting.
- To provide high quality care and learning which meets the needs and interests of the children and celebrates prior learning.
- To promote a sense of belonging where children feel included and valued.
- To promote learning through play both indoors and outdoors, which encourages independence, curiosity, problem solving and creativity.