

Picture Train Case Study

In 2013 Picture Train delivered a six week series of photography workshops at Horspath Pre-school Nursery in Oxford. The idea was to engage a group of 22 children aged 2 to 5 years in exploring the fun of photography. Each week children were introduced to a new aspect of taking photographs and using their own simple digital compact cameras.

Children photographed each other and the world around them within the nursery environment. They explored different types of photography – from still life to landscapes, portraits and different viewpoints.

The workshops were based on the curriculum work already being followed within the nursery.

Feedback from Horspath

“The children have loved getting involved in photography. They enjoyed getting to know their cameras and exploring what can be achieved at the click of a button”.

Despite being very young, the children quickly grasped the idea of capturing images and creating something of their own. They worked together well in groups and were happy to share their pictures and tell stories about them. It was also fun to share the pictures created at the workshop with parents and the children were justifiably proud of their work.

We are so pleased with the photography workshops that we have decided to re-run them next term. The theme for this session will be “my friends and I” and we are looking forward to seeing the children exploring their creativity with the cameras again.”

Feedback from Picture Train

David Jefferis Picture Train practitioner said

“It has been a real pleasure working with the children at Horspath Nursery. Each workshop has a special focus so they are always trying new things as well as re-capping on what we covered last time so we build on skills. The main focus is on play and fun using the cameras. We can see the value of stimulating visual literacy for the children and the feedback from the staff and parents has been entirely positive. We are constantly updating our themes and lesson plans to reflect what we have experienced by working with children all over the country and our work at Horspath has been rewarding for all concerned.”