

# Junior Infant Programmes for 2021/2022

## Nurture

### What is Nurture?

Nurture is an extra class we have in Powerstown Educate Together that compliments and works alongside Junior Infants class life.

Sometimes children are unable to access academic content in school. This may happen, if they feel they are overwhelmed with the new classroom and the dynamics within it. Sometimes children can become unsettled and unable to relate to friends or teachers in the right way. They may choose negative behaviours to show they are not coping well.

The Nurture Room can provide a short term support in a child's life to help them settle in school. When we use this support with children here in Powerstown ETNS, the children tend to feel more happy coming to school, be less upset by setbacks, and form friendships more easily. They can learn skills for life that will help them be happy and successful in school with the Nurture approach.

Nurture has had great success in the UK for over 40 years, and its expected to do the same here in Ireland. We feel very lucky to have such a great programme in place for our incoming Junior Infant children.

## Happy Talk

We are delighted that Powerstown ETNS has a high level of children speaking English as a 2nd language. It is fantastic asset to our school to have such bright language learners.

### What is the Happy Talk Programme?

Happy Talk is an early years language intervention project that improves a child's language. It improves language of children through exposing them to lots of English language experiences and through parent coaching.

Happy Talk also-

- Encourages children to learn
- Reduces behaviour problems
- Promotes children's self esteem
- Creates good parent/child relationship as they begin school

Happy Talk is designed to benefit all children and everyone is very welcome.

There will be an information session early in Term 1 for all interested parents.

Happy Talk parent workshops will have a relaxed feel to it, and will be there to support parents. It also will help you make ties with your child's class community. Studies show that engagement in Happy Talk has a direct positive effect on a child's education and happiness in school.