

RIVERBOATS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary School took over the management of the Riverboats Children's Centre in December 2016. As a result we have been able to further enhance our pre-school provision. We now have capacity for 46 children, an increase of 16, due to the extra facilities on offer through Riverboats. The Department for Education states that the core purpose of Children's Centres is to improve outcomes for young children and their families and reduce inequalities for families in their greatest need and their peers in:

- child development and school readiness
- child parenting skills and
- child and family health and life chances

We support child development and school readiness by expanding our pre-school and having a designated 2 to 3 year-old specialist room. We work with the National Childbirth Trust who run a range of sessions within the Centre. The Midwife and Health Visitor Clinics support child and family health. We also run a Stay and Play and Messy Play session and are now open 5 days a week all through the year with additional facility for a holiday club for all children from age 4 to 11. As the Headteacher I am passionate in my desire to ensure that the Children's Centre continues to flourish and I am delighted with how well the Centre has progressed over this year. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see us facilitating please let me know through the school office.