



Gems Holiday Clubs

How our week runs

First Day

The first day is all about settling the children in. We appreciate there may be a few nerves, so we begin by playing lots of fun games and ice-breakers to introduce the children to each other and the teachers. Once we are feeling more settled, we then begin introducing the theme for that week; exploring the different characters and storylines. We then do a read-through of the script and slowly begin casting and rehearsing the show. Please speak with the manager if your child is feeling particularly anxious on the first day so we can help.



Mornings

We begin every morning with a warm up to wake our bodies up and prepare us for the day ahead. This could involve games, a stretch or a physical dance warm up. We also do a singing warm up and some fun articulation games to help with the children's speech. After we're warmed up and ready to go, we then dive into rehearsing our new show; learning the songs and dances and practising our lines.



Lunch & Break times

Each day, we take a break around 10.30am for a snack, followed by lunch approximately 12.00-1.00. Weather permitting, after we have eaten our lunch, we take the children outside for fresh air and a run around. We then take an afternoon break around 2.30. Our aim is for the children to have fun, so our days are relaxed and creative and we break up the rehearsals so there is not too much pressure put on the children. Children stay in their groups all day, however at lunch time we may merge the groups depending on what time everyone takes their break.



Afternoons & End of the Day

Once our bellies are full and energy renewed, it's back to rehearsing and learning our shows. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are often spent doing arts and crafts; making props, posters and costume bits. We like to finish each day with more games and a de-brief with each group around 3.00 before pick up. We will discuss what we have achieved in the day and what the plan is for the next day. We will discuss what costumes the children may need to bring in or what to practise at home. We try and have a chat with each parent at dismissals to let you know how brilliant your child was and answer any questions.



Show Day - Friday

Friday is performance day, the day we've been all been looking forward to! In the morning, we will run dress rehearsals with the children, often performing their show to the other groups as a good practise. From 2pm, parents/carers join us for the final performance. After the children have performed, we will dismiss the children back to their carer, encouraging everyone to take home all their belongings and say goodbye to their new friends!

