



Welcome to Whitburn Village Nursery



At Whitburn Village Primary School Nursery we believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. A high quality learning environment provides the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow.

Communication and language

In our Nursery, we value early language and communication. There will be lots of opportunities for your child to encounter new vocabulary, talk about what they are doing and listen to others, helping them to develop their language skills alongside their friends. A daily story time is always very popular with the children.



Personal, social and emotional development

We understand that personal, social and emotional development is crucial for the children to lead healthy and happy lives. We endeavour to create strong, warm and supportive relationships by becoming your child's play partner. Helping them to manage their emotions, have a positive sense of self and grow in confidence. Your child will be supported to make friendships, understand healthy eating and manage their own personal needs independently. We encourage turn taking and co-operation throughout our day.



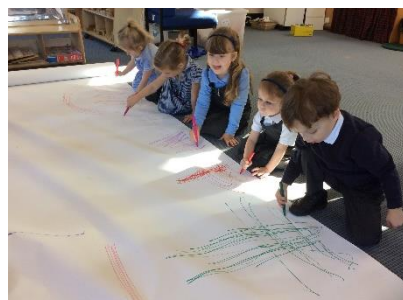
Physical development

Your child will have the opportunity to play both indoors and outdoors to develop their physical skills. Our learning environment has lots of sensory activities which develop the children's control in both big and small movements. The children love our Squiggle dance and Squiggle draw which develop gross motor skills ready for writing.



Literacy

We believe it is important for the children to develop a love of reading. We share stories daily and have dedicated book time. The children have the opportunity to enjoy rhymes, poems and songs, all very important as early pre-reading experiences. Mark making builds the foundation for writing skills. In Nursery we provide a variety of mark making tools and experiences.





Mathematics

Our aim is to develop confident and happy mathematicians. We provide rich opportunities for the children to explore numbers and counting. Valuable learning takes place when the children are involved in number songs and rhymes. In our environment the children can investigate shape and measures through their play.



Understanding the world

In our Nursery garden, the children have the opportunity to explore the outdoors through weather, gardening, cooking on the fire pit, pond dipping and many other experiences. This helps the children to make sense of their physical world. Throughout the year, we welcome visitors from our community such as police officers, nurses and fire fighters. These important members of our society help to enrich the children's understanding of the world around them.



Expressive arts and design

We believe it is important to develop the children's imagination and creativity. The children have daily opportunities to engage with the arts and explore different materials. In our creative area the children have open access to be able to experiment with a variety of materials, tools and techniques. They can experiment with colour, texture, design and then share their creations.



Start times

Morning children – 8.45 – 11.45

Afternoon children – 12.15 – 3 .15

30 hour children – 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Breakfast club

Our school has its own breakfast club which is open to children from Nursery – Year 6. This is £3 per session and starts at 7.45. Parents can book a place via our school office using the email address below.

Uniform

We encourage the children in Nursery to wear a uniform to help them feel part of the Whitburn family. This is a navy cardigan or jumper, grey or navy trousers, skirt or pinafore and a pale blue or white polo shirt. Where possible, it would be best for the children to have velcro shoes to help with their independence. Children can bring a pair of wellies which stay at school all year for use in the outdoor area. Children's clothes should be clearly labelled with their name. There are always lots of fun activities for the children to take part in, some of these can get messy. Parents are

asked to send their child to Nursery in clothes which they are happy to see come home dirty!

Password

We ask all parents to provide a password for their child. If someone other than a parent comes to collect a child, we will ask for the password before allowing the child to leave.

We have lots of fun activities which happen in nursery. A favourite is cooking at the fire pit. Parents have the option on parent pay to give a donation of £2 per month to help us resource these activities which the children love. Parent partnerships are very important to us. We have an open door policy for parents to be able to speak to staff. Parents have access to 'Parent Hub' where we share information about up and coming events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the information below.

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