



*Welcome
To
Nursery*

Who will I see in Nursery?

As well as seeing all of your new friends you will also be given a keyworker who will help you to settle into Nursery. You will be told who your keyworker is soon after you start.

Mrs Thompson is the Nursery teacher and will be there to plan lots of exciting activities, lead games and challenges and to have lots of fun with you all!

What will I do in Nursery?

We have lots of exciting things happening in Nursery all year round. We also follow any interests that we see the children showing during the sessions.

If there is anything that you enjoy doing at home, please let Mrs Thompson know because it might be something that we can also do in Nursery.

We particularly enjoy stories and most of our work will be based around a story that we will share together at the beginning of the week.

What do I need to bring with me?

When you come to Nursery you will have your lovely smart uniform, which is a grey jumper, white polo neck t-shirt, grey trousers/skirt and black shoes. You can also bring a spare set of clothes to hang on your peg in case you need to get changed. Please make sure you put your name in all of your clothes as things easily go missing.

You can also bring a bottle of water with your name on to have throughout the morning.

What will the Nursery session look like?

8.45- Doors open (children enter Nursery, hang up their coats/bags, collect their name stone and sit in the classroom)

8.55- Register and doors closed.

9.00-9.15- Welcome and small group time.

9.15- Continuous provision (children can access all areas of the classroom and outside)

10.30- Tidy up and snack time.

10.45-11.30- Outside time in Nursery garden.

11.30-11.45- Story time/songs/dancing.

11.45- Doors open for home time.

What will my classroom look like?

Our classroom is always changing as we develop areas into things that we are interested in. Here are some of the areas you will always find in Nursery:

Outside area:

We are very lucky to have a beautiful outside space full of plants, flowers, climbing equipment and areas to explore. We have weather suits to put on when the wet weather arrives, which means we can play out all year!

We work on our gross motor skills outside and try to be as physically active as possible. We use the natural resources around us to make marks and count and we watch carefully as the seasons change our surroundings.



Playdough area:

We like to make our own playdough in Nursery. We explore using different ingredients, colours and scents to create our unique dough. It is great fun to play with after as well! We learn how to squash, squeeze, roll and cut our playdough, which helps to build up the muscles we need to hold a pencil correctly. We wash up all the tools after we have finished ready for making more next time.



ICT:

We explore lots of different ICT equipment in Nursery. We have a big interactive board which we use to play number games and listen to songs. We have lots of small equipment which we use independently, such as BeeBots, cameras, microphones and metal detectors. We also learn how to use a mouse to control a simple game on the computer and choose our own games on the iPads.



Reading and Writing areas:

We are very keen to promote reading and writing in Nursery and we do this from the very first day they start. We often do big mark making sessions together where we cover the floor with paper, put on some music and make lots of different marks that will eventually lead to letter formation. We also have an area made for independent mark making which is full of paper, pens, pencils,

envelopes, cards and lots of other things that encourage children to explore.

Our reading area is cosy and relaxing and encourages children to sit and look through a book. We read stories as a group every day and lots of our work is based around these. We also have a lending library so children can take the books home that they have enjoyed reading at school.



Creative area:

We enjoy showing our creative side and regularly have paints, glue, junk modelling, chalks and messy play out to create a masterpiece! We have a range of resources that are always available to children so they can choose what they would like to use and how they would like to use it. We encourage independence in this area, allowing children to put on their apron, choose their resources, put their picture to dry and wash their own hands. We regularly display our wonderful work so keep a look out for them throughout the year.



Mathematics area:

Number and shape activities are available in all areas inside and outside of the classroom. We also have an area where we have specific maths related activities for the children to access. We take part in lots of practical activities that develop mathematical skills, such as baking to learn measuring.

We use a scheme called Ten Town to introduce numbers in a fun and simple way, each number has a character related to it and becomes very memorable to the children.



Role play area:

We express ourselves a lot through our role play of the world around us. We often have a house set up and enhance it with different resources at different times of the year. This is where we learn to develop our social and communication skills and is always a favourite place to play with friends.



Construction area:

We often set challenges using the construction equipment to see who can build a bridge or create the tallest towers. Construction helps to develop spatial awareness, develops our motor skills and lets our imaginations go wherever we like!



We have so much fun in Nursery! We make friends, learn to play and take part in so many different activities to help develop our learning and skills ready for Reception class. We can't wait to welcome you to Nursery very soon. We know you will love it as much as we do!

