

Planning and Assessment Time

Mrs Warrilow has her planning preparation and assessment time each Friday. This will always be covered by Mrs Bootland who will work in Nursery on this day. Both teachers are highly skilled in Early Years and are always available to offer advice and support. They are ably supported every day by Ms Baud and Mrs Cusmano who are Key Workers within the Nursery. At times throughout the week, Mrs Walton will also support in Nursery.

Useful Websites

You may find the following websites useful for your child:
www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.ictgames.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/scienceclips
www.crickweb.co.uk/earlyyears

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15th October—Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16th October— Parent Consultations

Monday 21st October- Friday 25th October —Half Term Holiday

Friday 15th November—Nasal flu Vaccination
Monday 25th November—School closed—Occasional Day
Tuesday 10th December—EYFS Christmas Production Event
Friday 13th December—Christmas Fayre
Monday 16th December—Nursery Christmas Party -
Friday 20th December—Last day of term



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Nursery Team.

Curriculum Overview



Nursery

Autumn Term

The Nursery Team would like to offer a warm welcome to all our Nursery children and their families. This is our Curriculum Overview that you will receive every term in school. It will give you an outline of what is happening in our nursery and ways in which you can help your child and get involved with school life.



We are learning...



This term in Nursery we will be focusing on the three prime areas of learning - personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term is all about us getting to know your child and encouraging them to make new friendships and form good relationships with staff members within Nursery. We will be encouraging your child to try new things and support them in becoming more confident to approach new learning experiences.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging your child to talk about where they are planning to work and recall their learning during review time. We will also use our family photographs to help them gain confidence in sharing things that are important to them, for example their family, friends and pets. Your child will be encouraged to listen to their new friends and key workers as they speak and develop important conversational skills.

Physical Development

In our stimulating outdoor environments, including the 'Environmental Area', we will be focusing on developing physical skills by encouraging the children to explore the different areas. Our climbing frames, bikes, scooters, digging areas and creative stage all help to extend children's physical skills. We will encourage your child to develop the muscles in their hands by using play dough, threading beads, using pegs to pick up small objects and many more activities. These simple activities will help prepare your child in making marks and with their developing early writing skills.



Our Curriculum



We believe that children are entitled to a diverse, challenging and effective curriculum that:

- Responds to individual needs;
- Acknowledges their natural enthusiasm and their need to be active learners;
- Builds on previous experiences;
- Supports and develops their thinking and learning;
- Provides appropriate experiences and activities across all areas of learning and development.

In nursery we focus on the interests of the children and plan activities that promote active learning. Please look out for our 'My child's interests at home' board in the Nursery entrance for you to inform us of what your child is interested in. This will also enable you to be involved in their learning.

Supporting your Child at Home



Your support is always appreciated and at this important time of year, routines are key to your child's development. We would be very grateful if you could practise some routines with your child at home, such as: fastening coats, using the toilet and washing hands independently. These practical activities promote independence at a very early age which are key life skills.

Once the children are settled into nursery, we will be sending home a class toy and book. You can use this book with your child to tell us what they have been doing with the class toy at home through photographs or pictures.

Sharing stories with your child at home will help them to develop their language, understanding and love of books. We will also send home books from school for you to share together.

Special Requests



- * Please bring your child into Nursery at the start of the session and help them self register by finding their name card and sticking it onto 'their' wall.
- * We love to be outdoors in all weathers so please can you bring a pair of wellies that remain in Nursery with your child's name clearly marked.
- * Please ensure that your child's name is in every piece of clothing to prevent items from getting lost.
- * Please provide spare clothing (including socks) daily in a named bag which goes home everyday.
- * We collect a donation of **50p a week or £3.00 per half term** for the Nursery fund. This helps us to buy ingredients for play-doh, toast, baking as well as exciting items based on our interests.
- * We enjoy working in the junk modelling area and sometimes we may ask for any empty, clean items such as bubble wrap, boxes, plastic bottles, tubes and lids.
- * We are very grateful for any clothes that you no longer need—especially socks!

Thank you

School Links



Your child's first year at school is exciting for you as well as your child so we welcome you to share in their experience and hope you feel welcome in the Nursery both at the beginning and end of each session.

Please remember to take a look at Facebook for lots of Nursery updates. We will be updating it regularly with exciting photos of our busy days and news!