



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the Nursery class! I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. The children have settled very well and we have had a great first week getting to know each other.

The Nursery Staff are as follows:

Mrs Smith & Mrs Lloyd Class Teachers

Mrs LoBue Early Years Practitioner

Mrs Realmuto Morning Teaching Assistant

Miss Ruff Afternoon Teaching Assistant

Mrs Doherty will be coming to work with the children on the computers once a week.

Mrs Chandler will be in the nursery throughout the week, supporting children with English as an additional language.

Jemima Grisley, a level 3 student from Oakland's College will be helping out in Nursery on Thursday and Fridays.

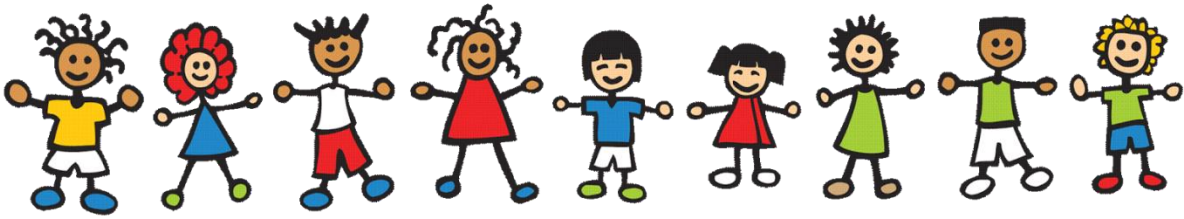
Nursery times: Morning Nursery 8:45-11:45am

 Afternoon Nursery 12:15-3:15pm

Please wait inside the nursery cloakroom or outside the nursery at drop off times. If picking up from lunch club, please wait the other side of the black gate (near to the reception classes), as this allows the lunch club staff to come back into the nursery with the children and collect their belongings, without them automatically going straight to their parents/ carers. A teacher will be standing by the door with a Nursery diary at drop off times and collection times.

Please give us any messages at this time. If your child is being collected by someone other than you, we will then write it down. Please let us know of any other adults that you are happy for your child to go home with, such as Grandparents. If you are stuck in traffic or need to make a last minute change to your collection arrangements, please call the school office on 01727 854643. If you haven't told us of any changes, we will not let your child go home until we have spoken to you.

Library: Children borrow one book from the library each week. Books should be returned the following week. Children will not be allowed to take a new book home if the previous one hasn't been returned. Please let us know if you have an accident with a school book.



Water: We would like all children to have a named bottle of water that will be available to them throughout the session. Water and cups will be provided for those who forget and while you have chance to provide one.

Lunch Bags: If your child is staying for Lunch club we ask that you clearly label the outside of their lunch bag.

Book bags: These are an important part of school life as they help to bring home books, pictures and letters. Please provide your child with a named school book bag. These are available to buy from the school office. We would like them to have their book bag in class every day. Please check it regularly for letters.

Snack Time: Children have milk or water- if your child wants to swap, we check with you first. We monitor who has had a drink/ snack.

We have fruit daily, and will encourage the children to try. Please let us know about any food allergies.

Magic moments: We are really keen to know about any anything exciting/ any achievements that occur for your child outside of school. They can share these with us and the class. We will provide magic moment cards for you to fill in and send into school- there will be copies on the information board for you to help yourself to. Feel free to write anything- it may be 'Johnny tried mashed potato for the first time' or 'Katie started swimming lessons'.

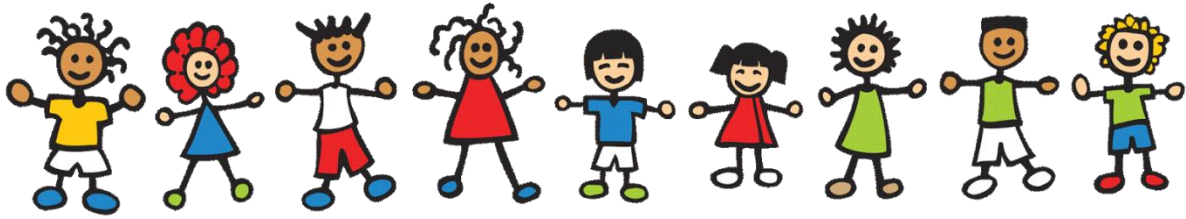
Toys: Please do not bring toys into the nursery as they can easily get lost or broken. You may, on occasion, need to bring in a toy as part of a topic- this is fine but will be looked at and not played with.

Topic: Our topic this half term will be 'All about me', and we will send you curriculum information home in due course. This will also be found on the school webpage, under the Nursery link. We will also send a simple grid home, with key dates and any topic items that we would like you to bring in, if you can.

The Characteristics of Learning: We will be introducing our friendly class dinosaurs next week: Thinkosaur, Tryosaur and Explorosaur who will encourage our children to think it out, try their best and explore as they learn.

PLEASE CAN EACH CHILD BRING IN A TEDDY BEAR FROM HOME FOR NEXT WEEK (MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER). PLEASE LABEL THE TEDDY AND ONLY BRING IN A TEDDY THAT CAN STAY IN SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK- NOT ONE NEEDED AT BED TIME!

We would also like to collect examples of print in the environment throughout the term, for a display in our writing area. If you could help your child to collect 'words' - from packaging, magazines, photos of signs they see, etc., that would be very helpful. They can be brought in as and when.



You may hear your child talking about the Nursery Class expectations- these are:

We are...

Safe, Happy and Healthy

We...

* Make good choices

* Listen and

* Learn

-Based on 'Every Child Matters'. Our Day

A Day in Our Nursery

Fidgety Fingers Time

Free choice from a range of fine motor activities put out, in two carpet groups

Welcome Time

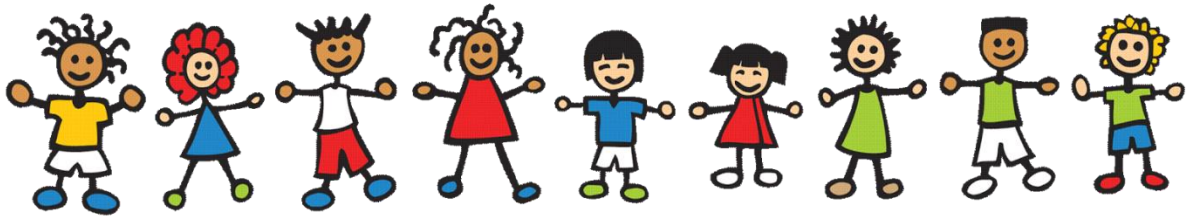
- Self registration

- Good mornings

- Prayers

Group Time

- Pre chosen adult focused activities that all children take part in



May be indoor / outdoor / all areas of learning

Letters and Sounds

In nursery, we start with phase 1 of the letters and sounds programme. We will be learning to tune into sounds, rhyming, alliteration, etc.

CIL time ('chil') Child initiated learning which may be inside or outside

- Children make own independent learning/ play choices. We will provide ongoing experiences and activities, (some related to our topic), for them to access throughout this time.

Muscle Time

-Fun activities to develop fine and gross motor skills.

Snack Time

Going Home Time

-Children sit as a whole class on the blue listening carpet.

-Singing/ story/ rhyme time

-Prayers

Each week

- Your child will visit the library, on a Wednesday and bring a book home to share for the week.
- Take part in a P.E. session either Tuesday am or Thursday pm.
- Have a music lesson as a whole class.

There is a lot of information here, which may or may not be new to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach us.

Please sign up on the sheet outside nursery to offer help in preparing resources and or washing the painting aprons or dress up clothes. ALL HELP GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

Thank you for your time,

The Nursery Team