

Welcome to Nursery!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Nursery which is part of our Foundation Unit (Nursery and Reception). Our team this year is Mrs Tillotson and Mrs Aston in Reception and Mrs Ivey in Nursery.

Our topic this term is All About Me. We will be talking and learning about ourselves and our families. We will be looking at what makes us special and unique. We also will be talking about special events and family occasions. If you happen to have any upcoming special events, we would love to hear about them. We are making our welcome display and would love to put a baby picture for each child up on the display. We would be grateful if you could please send in a family picture in the next few weeks.

We will also be celebrating harvest this term. We will be looking at harvest stories and learning about how to make bread. In art we will be exploring collage, printing techniques and junk modelling. In music we will be learning songs and exploring sounds through playing instruments.

As a reminder, please send your child each day with a coat, water bottle and bookbag. The office needs to have admission forms returned please and questionnaires & information pages are to be returned to Mrs Ivey.

Thank you,

Mrs Ivey

Donations

Donations of tissues, flour, salt, food colouring, cornflour, soap flakes, baby bath & cream of tartar are very appreciated. We also collect junk modelling materials. You name it, we recycle it ☺

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All About Me!

Things to remember

We are making a display all about our favourite books, if you would like to send a photo of your child and their favourite book in for the display please email me & please also send your child's baby photo.

My email address is:

kive4456@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk

Physical development

The children have access to outdoors daily in all weathers, please remember to provide suitable clothing to cater for our changeable weather! As we do lots of creative & messy play, please make sure your child wears practical clothing that can be washed easily. The development of self-help skills is important we encourage children to practise their independence when dressing. So, please make sure the clothes that they wear to Nursery are easy to get in and out of for instance shoes that have Velcro or buckles rather than laces. Toileting accidents sometimes happen, please bring a bag with a change of clothes in for your child. For safety, please remember that jewellery like necklaces & bracelets should be left at home. If earrings are worn then they must be studs only.

Mathematics

Exploratory play and adult led activities may incorporate the following:

- Learning terms to describe size like big, small, enormous, tiny, smaller and large. Also, ordering items by size.
- Exploring shape and pattern by observing the environment. We will explore the features and develop descriptive vocabulary.
- Becoming familiar with counting, numerals and quantities through number songs, rhymes and play.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Opportunities to talk during play and everyday experiences a lot of our time is spent playing!
- The children will be learning about and practising storytelling, language, repetitive phrases and sequence of events in stories.
- The children will also have lots of opportunities for role-play and small world play which encourages storytelling, imagination and communication skills.
- We have lots of opportunities (i.e. threading, using giant tweezers, peg boards) for children to practise their fine motor skills to develop pencil control skills.
- Each day we have story time and a phonics session (Phase 1). Working on pre-reading skills such as identifying environmental sounds.
- Children are encouraged to have a school book bag (available to purchase from the office) so they can daily borrow books from the Nursery book box. This enables children to share their favourite Nursery stories with their family at home.

Timetable

8:45am: Nursery starts **8:45-9:15am:** Free Choice **9:15-9:30am:** Group Time **9:30-10:30am:** Free Choice/Adult Lead Activity **10:30-10:45am:** Snack **10:45-11:25** Free Choice/Adult Lead activity **11:25-11:30am:** Tidy Up **11:30-11:45am:** Story/Phonics **11:45am:** Home Time