

Nursery Newsletter

WELCOME!!

We hope that you had a lovely Summer break! The children have come back well and settled back into the daily routine. They are excited to start our new learning topic and have had lots of information to share so far. A big welcome to the children and families that are starting their learning journey with us at Berry Hill.

Meet the Staff

Mrs Ireland - Foundation Stage Leader
Mrs McKinlay – Nursery Teacher
Miss Comery – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Kenworthy – Teaching Assistant
Miss Myatt – Teaching Assistant (Maternity Cover for Mrs Pritchard)

Learning and Summer Term Topics

This half term children take part in a range of activities, inside and outdoors, which are child initiated and small adult led activities. The children are introduced and supported in 'being kind', 'being brave' and 'working hard'.

Our topic this half term is 'Why do you love me so much?' Within the topic we will be exploring our feelings, taking turns and sharing, finding out about each other e.g. families; favourite food; toys, understanding the people in our community. The texts which support our topic include: The Colour Monster, The Big Book of Families, Sharing a Shell, Guess How Much I Love You, Autumn, and Harvest Festival.

Each week the children will access continuous provision activities linked to the book of the week, developing different fundamental skills. They will also engage in weekly 'Love of Reading' sessions where we focus on words from the text and their meanings, bringing the book alive at the end of the week.

Nursery Sessions & Times

Morning Session – 8:45am – 11:45 am

Afternoon Session – 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Full Day (30hrs) – 8:45am – 3:30pm

Lunch Time for full day children 11:45am – 12:30pm

NB – Nursery doors are open from 8:45- 8:55am & 3:20pm -3:30pm. The main school gates close at 8.55am, so please be punctual when dropping your child in school. If you need to exit the site after this time, please go through the school hall.

Children only attending morning sessions are collected at the main school entrance at 11.45am

What to bring to Nursery

- A small bag with spare change of clothes including pull-ups, nappy sacks, wipes as appropriate.
- A warm and waterproof coat
- Appropriate clothing for the weather e.g. hat, scarf, gloves
- Wellies – These can be kept at school if you wish.
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch for children staying all day.

Note – Please make sure all your child's belongings are named.

What not to bring to Nursery

Please try to discourage your child from bring their own toys and wearing jewellery, to prevent loss and damage. Thank you

Clothing

Children can wear their own choice of clothing or school uniform. Please consider the practicality of outfits. We have messy activities, opportunities for climbing outdoors and a natural outdoor learning environment – that can be wet and slippery.

How can you help at home?

- Read to your child as often as possible.
- Look for opportunities to practise numeracy and counting, including recognising numbers in written form.
- Encouraging your child to practise fastening buttons and zips.
- Encouraging your child to be independent with toileting and hand washing.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the F1 team.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Foundation Stage 1 Team