

Nursery Newsletter

WELCOME!!

We hope that you all had a restful Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year! The children have had a fantastic start to 2025 and are very inquisitive about our new topic! A big welcome to the children and families that are starting their learning journey with us at Berry Hill.

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

Children are to be collected from the morning session at the main school entrance at 11.45am.

Learning and Spring Term Topics

This half term we are focusing on 'Traditional Tales'. We will use a selection of story books to help us answer our Big Question, "How Can We Get to Space?". We will look at stories such as Aliens Love Underpants, Zoe and Beans on the moon, Q pootle 5 and Roaring Rockets. We will also be learning about the Chinese New Year and what makes this celebration so special within some communities.

After the half term break, we will move our learning onto a new question: "Who Helps Us in Our Community?". We will look at stories that focus on different jobs and what they do. We will be learning about the meaning of Easter and what it means to us.

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 daily '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.

Meet the Staff

Mrs Ireland - Foundation Stage Leaders
Mrs McKinlay – Nursery Teacher
Miss Comery – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Kenworthy – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Pritchard – Teaching Assistant

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, which can be wet and slippery.

What to bring to Nursery

- A small bag with a 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 bringing their own toys and wearing jewellery to prevent loss and damage. Thank you

Phonics

N2 Children - This half term in phonics we will be focusing on the sounds d, g, o, c, k, ck. We will be listening to these sounds, looking at picture cards with these sounds and identifying their initial sounds, as well as blending CVC words with these sounds.

After the half term break, we will be focusing on the sounds e, u, r, h, b, f as well as recapping the sounds previously taught.

N1 Children – The focus will be on listening and attention, environmental and instrumental sounds and oral blending through games and activities.

Numeracy

This term the children will continue to develop their counting skills within and beyond 5, matching the correct amount of objects to numerals using careful 1:1 correspondence when counting. They will begin to identify two sets, identifying which has more and fewer.

We will also be recognising basic 2D shapes and identifying their properties.

Class Dojo

If you haven't joined the class page on class dojo, a QR code will be sent home with the joining instructions. Please keep checking the page to see what we are getting up to in the classroom.

How can you help at home?

- Recap some of the sounds we have covered in phonics.
- Practise segmenting and blending simple CVC words. E.g. c-a-t; b-a-g
- 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.

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