

Nursery

General Information

Punctuality

Please note that the morning session starts at 8.30am, and the afternoon session starts at 12.00pm. Therefore, your child will be missing valuable learning time if they arrive after the time stated.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child achieves a good attendance record (our school target is 96% ... this still would mean 4 weeks of missed school!) Try to avoid holidays within school time as this may affect your child's progress, however this is not strict as it is in school. If your child is not able to attend, please contact school at your earliest convenience to avoid unauthorised absences being recorded.

Uniform

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. In nursery we encourage the children to wear a uniform. This comprises of grey or black trousers/skirt or pinafore; red polo shirt (with Parish Nursery logo if preferred); red jumper or cardigan shirt (with Parish Nursery logo if preferred); grey or white socks or tights; and black school-type shoes. Children should wear completely black shoes – not trainers.

Please note that children should not wear any form of jewellery and hairstyles and accessories must conform with school policy (e.g. no earrings, no 'extremes' of hairstyles)

Children will need to have wellies (which can be left in school if you prefer) and a waterproof coat for outdoor play.

Packed Lunches

If your child is staying for lunch, they will need a packed lunch bringing to school. This should contain no more than 5 separate items and only one of these should be a treat (example: sandwiches, carrot sticks, drink, fruit, chocolate bar).

Book Bags

This must be brought to and from nursery each day. It will contain your child's shared reading/story books and their Reading Record. It is checked daily by staff and signed. Books will be changed every Monday. Letters will also be sent home in this bag so please ensure you check daily.

Drawstring Bag

As we have very limited space for coats and bags, please use this bag to bring a spare set of clothes to nursery, particularly underwear, in case of accidents or spillages. Spare clothes do not need to be uniform.

Snack Money

Snack money is £12 per term and must be paid in advance at the start of the term via School Pay.

Your child will need to bring in a water bottle that can stay in school. These will be cleaned and refilled with water each day. As we are a Healthy School, please refrain from bringing juice in these bottles.

Rainbow Folders and Home/School Diaries

Please ensure that your child packs their Home Learning Folder and their Reading Record in their bag each day. These are an essential form of communication and key to our approach to learning and independent study (see Home Study section below).

Reading

Our approach to reading consists of weekly whole class reading lessons and some group 'reciprocal reading' sessions. In addition to this, we read and share stories with children whenever possible; have various interventions running throughout the year and have a text-based literacy curriculum which means classes are sharing and enjoying books each day. Although we read whenever possible in school, it is still extremely important for parents to share stories at home too – and to sign/ add comment to their Reading Record.

Home Study

Home study is valued at Parish Church of England Primary School by both staff and parents and is a statutory part of the curriculum. Through home study opportunities, we are further developing the effective partnership between school and home.

Our approach to home study focusses primarily on the development of essential knowledge linked to our curriculum coverage. It is expected that all pupils within school complete home study tasks that are creative and knowledge-centred, as opposed to traditional 'pencil and paper' activities.

Possible Home Study Tasks

Pupils are expected to complete home study tasks every week. Across the school, home study works in the same way. Nursery Home Study activities will be set via Evidence Me and should be checked weekly by parents.

Supporting Independent Study

Parents and children will be provided with a Phase appropriate 'Phase Study Buddy' in order to ensure that support and ideas are given in relation to how to 'get the most' out of the materials within the Rainbow Folders and Home/School Diaries.

Projects

At times, teachers will ask for children to complete projects based on topics. These projects are intended to nurture curiosity and provide an opportunity to build upon knowledge and skills. More information will be provided by class teachers; however, projects usually take the form of model making, crafts, fact files or PowerPoint presentations.

Areas of Study

Literacy will be promoted through the study of a selection of high-quality texts/ multimedia that will serve as an inspiration for a wide variety of written tasks.

Our Wider Curriculum Focus

We will be covering many exciting and interesting topics this year through our studies. An overview of all topics covered across the curriculum will be provided to you in addition to this booklet. Please encourage and support your child in taking an active interest in the topics to be covered across the year.

'Wow' Experiences and 'Pots of Gold'

As key component in our Rainbow Curriculum is 'nurturing curiosity' and an appreciation for our culture and heritage. With this in mind we start all of our topics with a wow experience and in addition to this, Parish has its own 'Pots of Gold' experiences for each year group. This is our commitment to ensuring our children are given the opportunity to experience first-hand the wonder of God's beautiful world and to appreciate the incredible accomplishments of human society.

Some of our Wows	Squiggle While You Wiggle Dough Disco Day Reading by Twilight Fire engine visit
Our 'Pot of Gold'	Acorn Farm visit.

Other exciting things about being in Nursery

- Our Nativity.
- Our Graduation Assembly
- Forest School
- Focus days
- Lots of our work and pictures shared on twitter @MrsHighcock

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