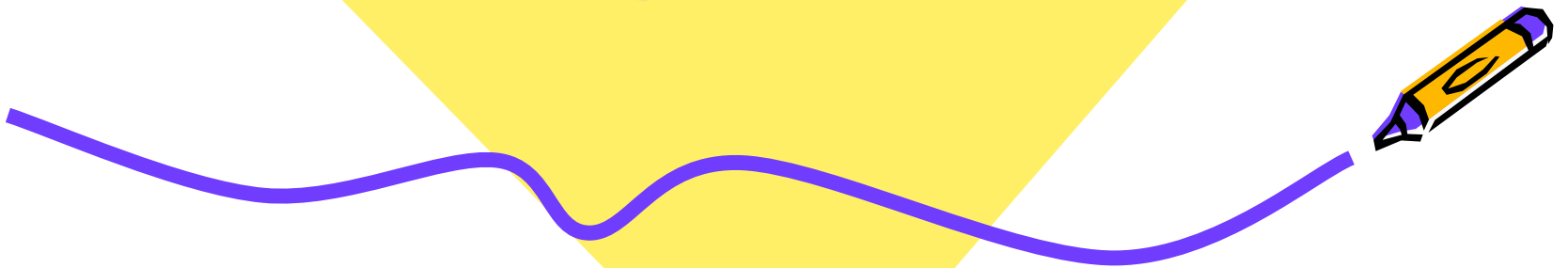




Information for new Nursery parents

14th June 2023



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

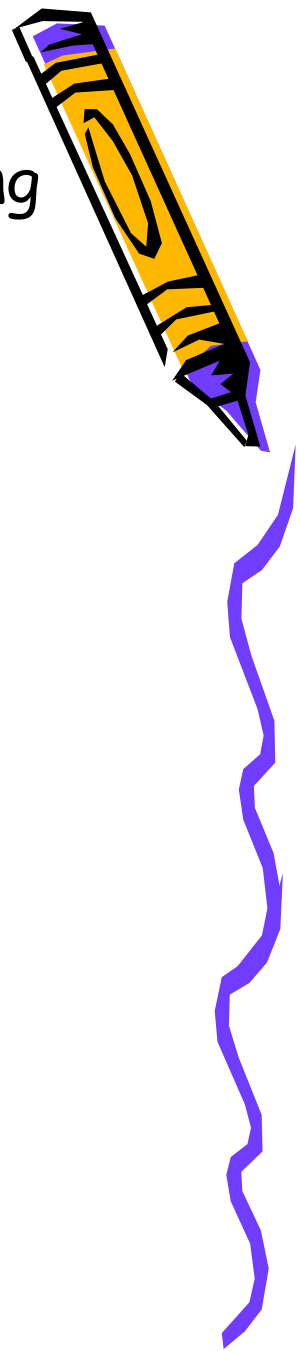
The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based upon the understanding that children learn best through play and active learning at this age.

The curriculum changed in September 2021. The areas of learning have not changed significantly although there is now a greater emphasis on staff spending more time teaching rather than evidence gathering with photos and observations.



Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**



Children will mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are:

1. Communication and Language
2. Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
3. Physical Development

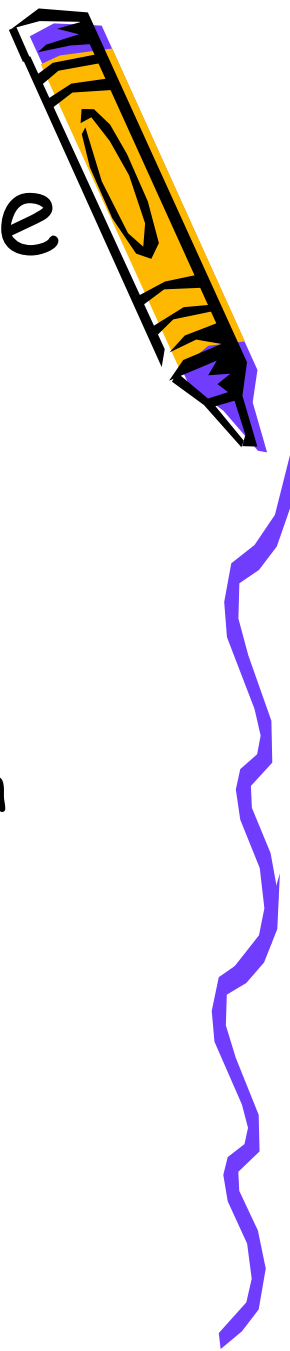
As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

1. Literacy;
2. Mathematics;
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design.



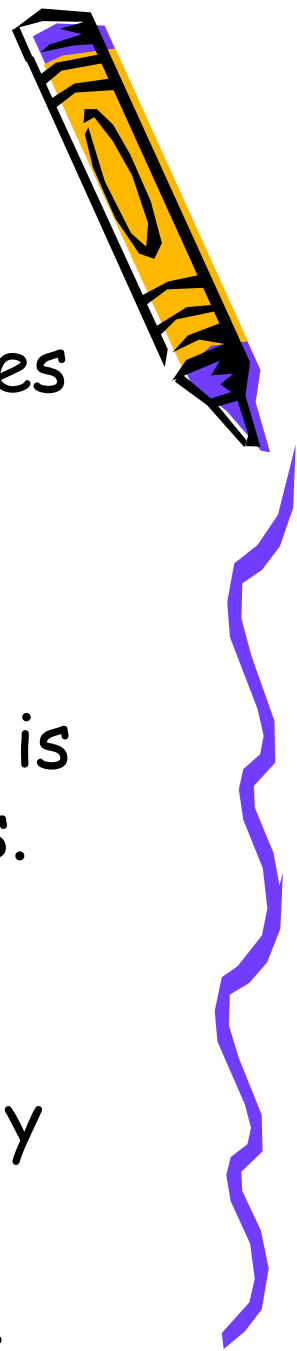
How can I help to prepare my child for Nursery?

- Increase their independence - coats, cardigans and shoes.
- Toilet training.
- Talk to them about starting nursery. Explain they will be having fun, meeting new friends and playing.
- Ensure they know you will be back to collect them after each session!



What to wear

- Please ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing, including shoes! No laces please! No open toed shoes.
- Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty! It is all part of the fun! So wear older clothes.
We are not using painting aprons so they may get paint on clothes.
- Dress your child in clothes they can easily manage for the toilet. School uniform is not compulsory for nursery.

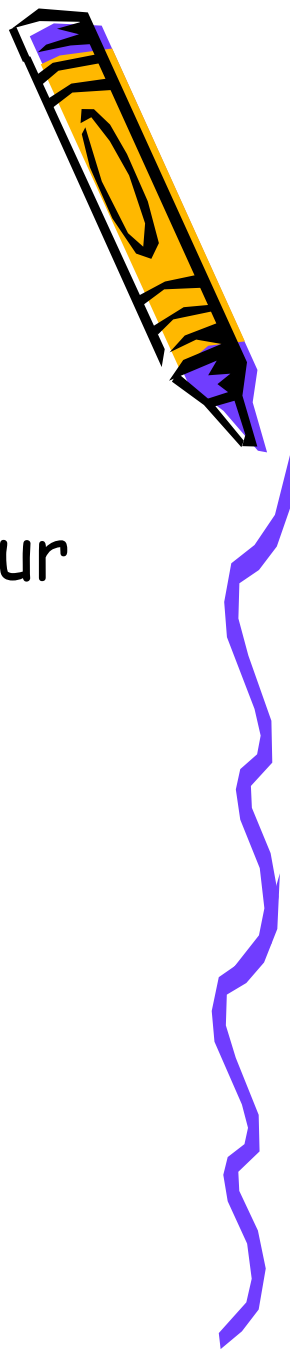


Key Person

- Your child will be assigned a key person.

They will :

- Be a point of contact for the family
- Be there to build up a relationship with your child
- Get to know your child's needs
- Keep and share records of your child's development



Snack



We will have a snack mid session.

- Children will be provided with a piece of fruit and a drink of milk or water. We encourage them to eat and drink at this time. Later in the year they can choose not to have snack.



Lunchtimes



- The children go into the hall to eat. Mrs Stanley is our Lunch Supervisor.
- You must provide a healthy lunch in a named lunchbox, including a drink (squash or flavoured water is ok for lunchtimes).
- Please name all plastic containers.
- Encourage your child to practise opening packets and containers.



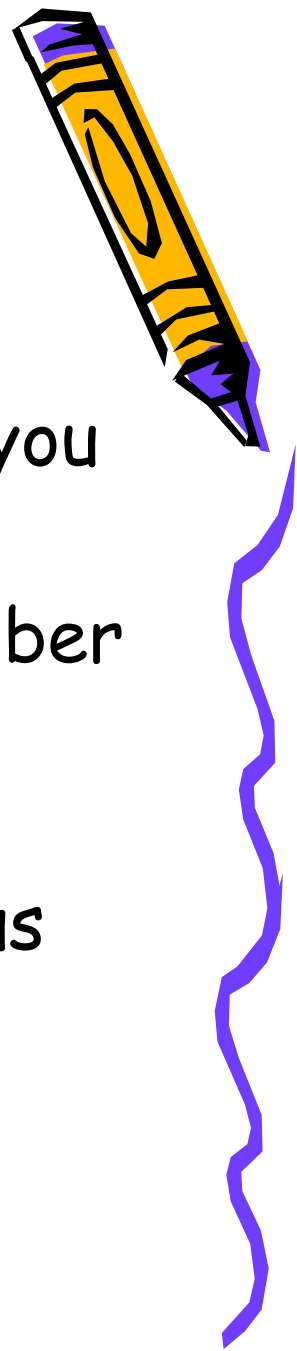
The first term

We will be making sure the children are:

- Feeling comfortable in their new surroundings.
- Feeling safe and secure.
- Making friends.
- Aware of new routines and expectations.
- Learning to share and take turns.
- Beginning to explore their new environment.
- Building up relationships with adults and children.



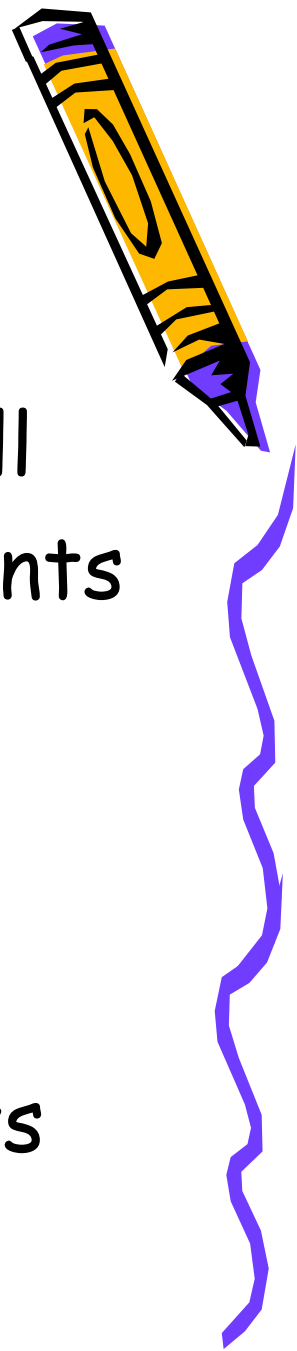
Tapestry



- We use Tapestry to communicate with you about things happening in nursery.
- You will be sent log in details in September (if not before).
- You can put comments and photos of achievements from home on there for us to see and acknowledge.



We also.....



- Have regular PE sessions in the hall
- Join in with some whole school events e.g. Friendship week, writing projects, World Book Day
- Use the school environment to do some outdoor learning.
- Will have some exciting theme days that you will be invited in to.



A couple of things!



- Please inform the school if your child has any medical conditions, allergies or specific dietary requirements. Keep us up to date if they change throughout the year.
- Please provide NAMED spare clothing for your child. We will provide you with a drawstring bag during your home visit.
- Please ensure you keep contact details up to date at school.

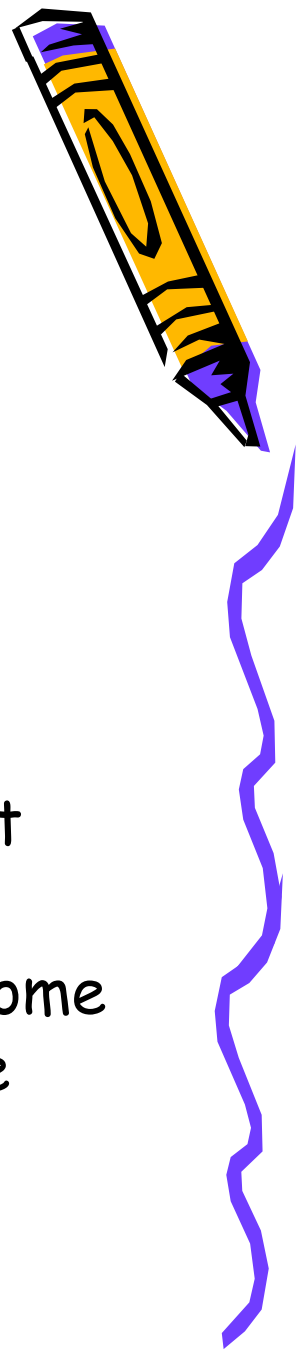


Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- Any absence requires a telephone call to the school explaining why.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- If your child needs an inhaler in school, please ensure the medicine is in date. Bring it to the school office in September as a medical form will need to be completed.



Your role!



- The Early Years Foundation Stage is about a partnership between home and school.

Please;

- Complete the learning journey in your pack.
- Be involved in your child's learning and development.
- Keep us informed of any changes at home that may affect your child.
- Let us know of your child's achievements at home on our Proud Cloud or Tapestry. These will be added to their files.



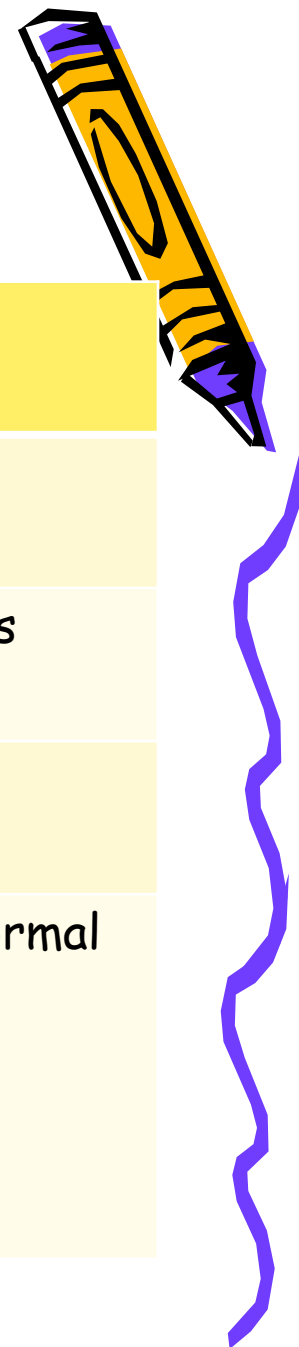
Voluntary Contribution

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £30 for the year (which is payable throughout the year if you prefer) This will help us buy materials for tactile play, playdough and consumable materials.

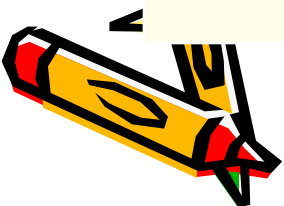
Please see letter in your pack.



Transition Dates



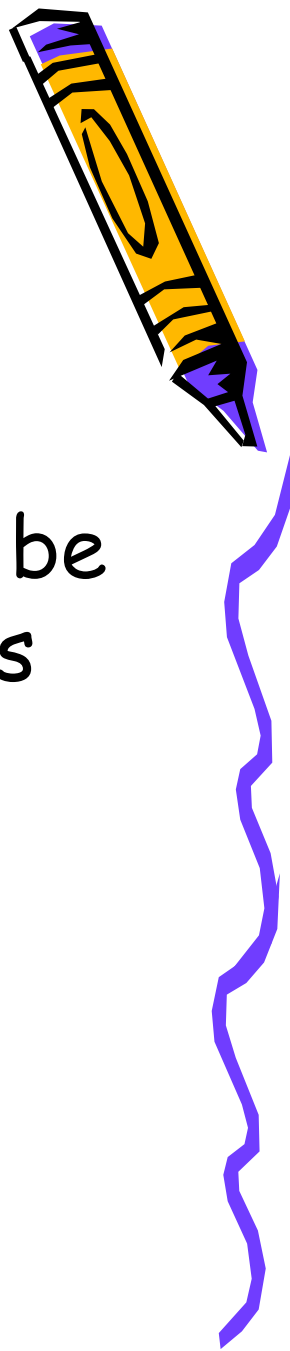
Date	Session
Tuesday 5 th - Monday 11 th Sept	Home Visits
Tuesday 12 th - Thursday 14 th	2 hour stay and play sessions
Friday 15 th	All full timers will start
Monday 18 th	All children in doing their normal sessions



Home Visits

You have already been given a home visit time. We aim to be on time but be prepared as we may be a few minutes early or late.

Home visits are essential for the smooth transition of your child attending nursery.



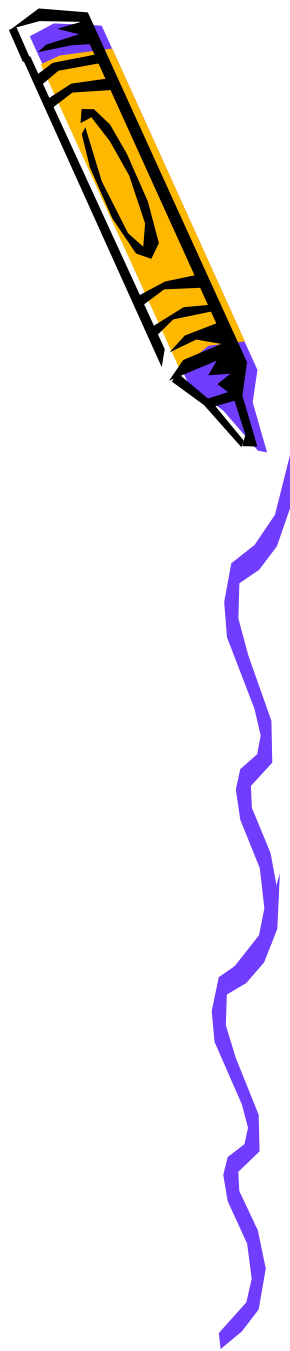
Timings

Sessions are 8.55 - 11.30

12.30 - 2.50

Lunch 11.30-12.30

Please accompany your child to the door and ensure they go in.



Please remember....

If you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you.

Mrs Farrell Nursery Lead/Class teacher (Monday, Tuesday initially)

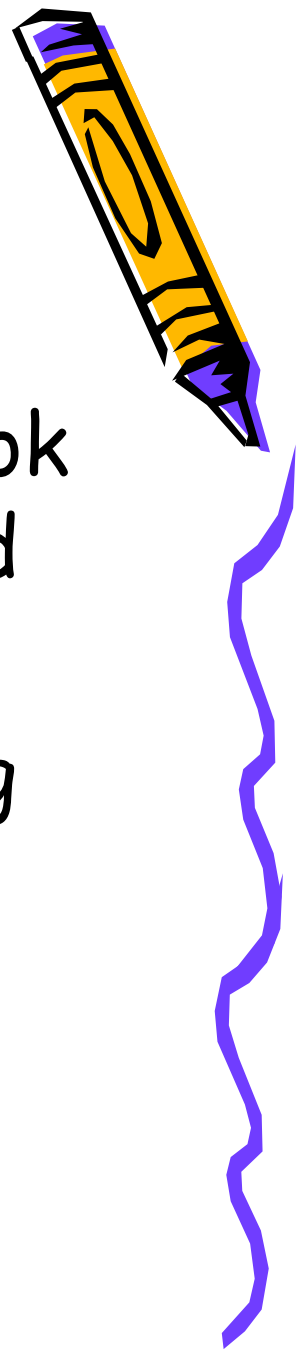
Mrs Smith Class teacher (maternity leave)

Mrs Pedlar Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Wingrove Teaching Assistant

Mrs Robbins Teaching assistant





- Now it is time for you to have a look round Nursery, meet the staff and ask any questions.
- We are looking forward to meeting you and your children.

