



Year N Fact Sheet

Start/Finish Times	<p>8.45 – 11.45am (children entitled to 15 hours funded place)</p> <p>8.45am – 2.45pm (children entitled to 30 hours funded place)</p> <p>Optional wraparound until 3.15pm at a cost of £2.50 per day</p>
Staff	<p>Mrs Finch and Mrs Webb (am) Mrs Taylor and Mrs Miscenko (pm)</p>

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Outdoor play	<p>Outdoor play is a key part of the curriculum in the nursery; the children are able to choose to play outdoors or indoors during the session. There are opportunities for the children to learn in all areas of the curriculum outdoors as well as indoors.</p> <p>Please make sure that your child has a coat, scarf, gloves etc. that are appropriate for the weather as the children often choose to play outdoors even in very cold weather.</p>
Home-school links	<p>We love sharing what your child has been up to at Nursery. Each week we will upload information about our current topics, photographs of your children and any extra information onto Class Dojo. These will be in each child's personal portfolio and are only accessible by you. We also encourage parents to add to these, with any experiences the children may have at home.</p>
Library books	<p>Each week your child will choose a book from our class library. This book is for you to share with your child, but we do advise that you also join the Coventry/Tile Hill library.</p>
Topics	<p>Please see the website to view the curriculum overview for the topics your child will be covering this year.</p>
Phonics	<p>Your child will be following a structured phonics program of Letters and Sounds. We will be focussing on listening skills and the skills that your child will need for formal phonics teaching e.g. to be able to hear sounds in words.</p>

Maths	Maths will be taught in a purposeful, practical way and children will use play and exploration to develop new mathematical skills. A lot of mathematical work is practical and learning will happen in many different ways in both the indoor and outdoor learning areas.
Snack Time	Fruit and milk or water is provided free for your child each morning. Children are in a 'key group' for their snack. Children are in either the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' or 'Gruffalo' group.
Floor books	Over each topic we compile a scrap book of the children's learning, including photographs and observations of each child. These are known as 'Floor books' as they are often used during group times to look back at what we have been learning. These Floor books are kept in the book area of the classroom and are there for you to share with your child during stay and play sessions/parent consultations.
Water Bottles	Water Bottles are provided for each child and filled with fresh water every morning.
Medical Concerns	If your child requires an inhaler, has any allergies or other medication please ensure a medical form has been completed and all medication is in date.
Uniform	There is no specific uniform for the children in the nursery class, but many children choose to wear the school uniform. Please make sure that the clothes your child wears are easy for them to take off when they go to the toilet; often elasticated trousers help young children to be more independent with toileting.

Here are some hints and tips to help get your child ready to start Nursery:

Toileting	Children should be able to use the toilet independently. Though there may be times they are 'caught short', we expect that, unless there is a medical reason, children should not be wearing nappies or pull ups when they start Nursery. Some potty training guidance will follow shortly in your information packs, should you need any support with this. We also encourage a 'toilet routine', where children are reminded to wash their hands after each visit to the toilet. This then becomes something the children do without needing reminding.
Dressing Themselves	<p>As a lot of our time is spent outdoors, it is important that children have the appropriate clothing. Putting their own coat on is a huge time saving skill and saves any distress when they are in a hurry to get outside!</p> <p>The children do have the opportunity to wear welly boots outside, if they are able to take their own shoes off and on it helps them get stuck into their activities as quickly as possible.</p>
Communication	Communication is a key part of early years development, we would expect children to be able to speak to an adult and ask for help. We understand that as new adults children may feel a little shy, but we will quickly reassure them. Encouraging your child to communicate their needs verbally is a great way to help them. To understand the word 'stop' and that such a phrase might be used to prevent danger.

Don't worry! We do not expect children to read or write, we look forward to helping them learn and develop at their own pace.

Please just enjoy this time with your child, sharing lots of stories, singing songs and talking about the world around them!