



Welcome to Trumpington Meadows Nursery

In Nursery we learn through lots of play and playful activities (for example, going on a listening walk, looking for shapes in the outdoor environment and making constructions). We have guided learning sessions in small groups with the adults throughout the day. We gather together to sing songs, play games and listen to stories. Each half term our learning begins with a topic as a starting point to engage and inspire the children. Within this is the opportunity for the children's own interests to develop and direct the course the topic will take.

Settling In

Nursery begins with a settling in period to ensure each child feels safe and secure in their new surroundings. Therefore we have a staggered entry over the first few weeks of term enabling adults and children time and space to get to know each other.

Each child is unique and takes on new challenges in a different way. If you feel your child is not yet ready for a full session there is room for flexibility in the first few weeks. Please speak to a member of the Nursery team to discuss how best to settle your child.

Our Areas of Learning

Nursery follow the EYFS curriculum which is based around the following seven areas of learning:

Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We also plan activities and resource our environment to encourage children to develop their own 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. Beginning to develop these skills, such as perseverance, taking a risk, thinking critically and making links, will equip them as learners throughout school and beyond.

To find out more please take a look at the school website www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk or www.foundationyears.org.uk. The following document is a useful guide to the EYFS curriculum:



You can find it here: <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/03/what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide>

Uniform and Clothing

It is your choice as to whether your child wears uniform for Nursery. If you do choose to send them in uniform this can be ordered from www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk or purchased from a local supermarket etc. Please do not send your children in their best clothes as we encourage plenty of messy play at Nursery. Although aprons are worn, clothes can still end up getting paint and other messy play resources on them.

Important Information:

- **Morning session: 8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**
- **We will require parents to collect their children promptly at 11.45 a.m. Late fees will apply to the sum of £1 for every 1 min after 11:45 a.m. There will be a 5min late period before we start charging.**
- We ask that children do not bring their own toys to Nursery as they can easily get lost and create sharing issues. If your child has a special toy/comforter that they need during their settling period they are welcome to bring this and store it on their peg.
- Please check the school calendar on the federation website to keep up-to-date with Nursery events www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk
- We also kindly ask that your child is potty trained before they start Nursery. If you have any worries about this please speak to the team. Please find further advice about this on the following websites:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/potty-training-tips/>
<https://www.eric.org.uk/top-10-potty-training-tips>
- Please complete the 'Summer Booklet' (with picture frames in your pack) with your child and return it to us in September.

We look forward to getting to know you all in September!

The Nursery Team



Things to bring to Nursery:

- **A full change of spare clothes** - Please ensure each item is **named** and available at Nursery every day (these can be left in a bag on your child's peg)
- **A pair of welly boots** (again please label these with your child's name and leave at Nursery on the welly racks)
- **Extra layers** - e.g. jumpers/cardigans and hats, scarves, gloves (during the winter months)
- **A warm, waterproof coat**
- **A sunhat** (during the spring/summer months)

We take the children outside every day whatever the weather so please ensure they are appropriately dressed.

Provided by Nursery:

- **Snack** – a piece of fruit or vegetable (carrots, tomatoes, bananas, apples, tangerines and raisins)
- **Milk and water** (water provided in a named water bottle)
- **A book bag and water bottle**