

Welcome to Nursery



Class Teacher	Miss Andrews
Support Staff	Mrs Wernick , Miss Hancill , Mr Williamson
PPA Cover	Miss Ball teaches on a Tuesday afternoon
Phonics	In Nursery we focus on phase 1 phonics which concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for Reception when children will focus on letters (phonemes/graphemes). The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them including rhythm, rhyme and alliteration and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. We teach through nursery rhymes , word play, stories and games.
Tapestry	At the end of the week we will share what we've been up to through the week. We would encourage parents to share any wow moments or learning from home with us where we can share them in the classroom and celebrate with them.
30 Hours	<p>Every three and four year old in England is entitled to 15 hours of free Nursery education or childcare. Working parents may be eligible for 30 hours of free education/childcare. This is an additional 15 hours on top of the 15 hours available to all parents of three and four year olds.</p> <p>You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £195 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).</p> <p>If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring</p>



	<p>responsibilities, you could still be eligible. You can't get 30 hours free childcare if either you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 or more. You must remember to renew your code every three months to remain eligible.</p> <p>For more information visit - https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</p>
School Dinners	<p>If your child is staying at school all day they can either bring a healthy packed lunch, alternatively you can order a school dinner via the school money page or teachers to parents app.</p>
Applying for Reception	<p>The portal for applying for a Reception places opens around the 1st November, we will send out a text and facebook post to remind you. You apply on the Northumberland website - https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx</p> <p>Please be mindful to select schools as a second and third choice especially if you live outside of the catchment area as we expect our Reception class to be oversubscribed next year.</p>
Beach School	<p>Dates and groupings will be confirmed in a letter prior to each visit. Please ensure that you have the correct visit date for your child. On the morning of your child's beach visit, they must come to school in the appropriate clothing as detailed in the visit letter. We aim to leave school by 9.20am and therefore do not have time to get children ready in class or wait for kit to be brought from home. Remember, when buying new waterproof jackets we suggest that you buy them slightly bigger so that you can still fit a warm coat underneath in the cold weather.</p>
Absence	<p>Please call school on the first day of your child's absence. School operates a first day absence call system.</p>
Illness	<p>Children must be kept off school for a minimum of 24 hours after sickness or cases of diarrhoea unless there is a wider outbreak when this will become 48 hours.</p>
Holidays	<p>Holidays should not be taken during term time. School attendance remains a key priority for the school. Attendance across school is monitored on an ongoing basis and we will work closely with our Education Welfare Officer to support with attendance concerns.</p>
Water Bottles	<p>Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle at school every day with fresh water in it. Drinking water throughout the day has been</p>



	proven to improve concentration and learning. Juice may be supplied alongside a packed lunch if you choose to.
Snack	Children will be offered a fruit snack each morning. If your child is bringing a snack in from home, please ensure it is a healthy one. If you wish to give your child grapes or small cherry tomatoes , please cut them in half lengthways to avoid a choking hazard. A polite reminder that we are a NUT FREE school.
Jewellery	Jewellery must not be worn during the school day . This includes smart watches and any piercings. Alongside other schools in the Cramlington Partnership , we have a policy of no earrings as they present a health and safety hazard . This includes flat plastic retainers . No jewellery should be worn.
Spare Clothing	Your child should always have a bag containing spare clothes on their peg. If your child is still in nappies please also provide nappies and wipes. Children in Nursery need a pair of wellies on their peg all year.
Weather	On sunny days, please apply sun-cream to your child before coming to school. For those children who stay all day, staff can reapply a child's own suncream (which should be available in their bag) or school suncream provided you have given permission on the home school agreement form. Please ensure children have a coat everyday, we like to go outside as much as possible including in light rain.
Communication	A weekly newsletter is emailed out to parents every Friday . You will also receive texts and emails so please ensure you open these so that you don't miss important information. We also have a school Facebook page and website which are regularly updated. Tapestry posts will be sent out weekly for whole class learning as well as occasional individual posts celebrating wow moments.
Useful Links	BBC Nursery Rhymes Our Curriculum Tapestry