

Nursery Open Sessions

Sundon Lower School



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‘LEARNING FOR LIFE’



Our vision

Our vision is for all children to enjoy learning and develop a desire to continue learning through their lives. We want our schools to be inclusive, safe and happy environments where every child is supported to achieve their maximum potential and develop social and communication skills to build positive relationships.



Our values

As a values-based school, we support children to become well-rounded individuals by promoting positive values and behaviour that will benefit them in all aspects of life.



Our aims

- To foster a love of learning through exciting and engaging learning opportunities.
- To build positive relationships based on mutual trust, respect and care between all in our schools and the wider community.
- To develop skills, talents and interests to support each child in achieving their maximum potential.
- To develop healthy lifestyles and promote the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Learning through play

- Young children learn best through play.
- Staff will support learning by observing play, interacting with the children and extending their interests through questions, suggestions and adding new resources.
- The majority of learning will be child-led rather than adult-led.



EYFS Curriculum

The Nursery curriculum is arranged into six areas:

- The Arts
- Language Development
- Early Mathematical Experiences
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Movement
- The World Around Us



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children are individuals in their own right and have their own personalities
- They have their own likes and dislikes
- Some are timid while others are extrovert
- Some are protective and at other times aggressive
- Some prefer to lead others to follow



Developing relationships takes time as the children learn to

- co-operate
- respect and appreciate the needs of others
- recognise the need for rules as our actions can affect others
- to share resources
- explore their emotions



Within the Nursery we encourage children to

- Eat healthy foods
- Wash their hands before going to the snack table, after visiting the toilet and after messy play



The Arts



- Art and craft is about making new things, taking risks and experimenting.
- They learn to come up with new ideas, solve problems and cope with uncertainty

Music

- Music gives children endless enjoyment
- It helps them learn how to listen, to distinguish between sounds and to respond to beat and rhythm



Drama allows children to express their feelings and imagination in both verbal and non-verbal ways.



- Through role- play, dance and mime they enter different worlds as they recreate and invent situations at home, in the community and in their imaginations

Language Development

- Children have access to a wide variety of books.
- They listen to rhymes, stories and jingles.
- They have access to a variety of media e.g. paper, pencils, crayons, chalk, paint brushes etc



Mathematical Activities within the Nursery

- Spatial awareness - working with blocks
- Size - dressing dolls, filling containers in the sand and water tray
- Order and pattern - threading beads, buttons etc.
- Number - setting table, putting out hoops etc. rhymes and jingles



Physical Development and Movement

- Physical play both indoors and outdoors helps develop children's balance, control, co-ordination and awareness of size, shape and space.
- It helps develop social skills such as taking turns, sharing, co-operating and negotiating and values such as trust, fairness and respect for others.



Physical play



The World Around Us

Children are naturally curious about their environment

- They ask questions.
- They use their senses.
- They observe, explore and experiment.
- They learn from books, pictures, posters and photographs. They use ICT.
- We develop this natural curiosity by allowing the children to observe and explore. They experience both natural and man made materials.



We at Sundon Lower will provide your child with...

- a family feel
- a safe, stimulating environment
- harmonious and nurturing environment
- high aspirations
- personalised support
- a fantastic team of caring staff!



Inclusion

- The unique child
- Each child learns differently
- All children will need specific support and challenge at some point in their learning career
- Mr Kingham is the SENDCo in the school
- Communication is key! Let us know everything you know about your child without judgement.

Lunch

- Nursery will provide a healthy snack for your child each day. This will usually be items like fruit or vegetables. Milk and water are available too. Children who attend a full day session at nursery can have a hot lunch provided.

Starting nursery

Starting nursery can be an exciting time for you and your child, however, it's also normal to feel anxious and have questions.

We will work in partnership with you, recognising and valuing your role as your child's first and most important educator. Staff will strive to build positive relationships with you and your child, involving you fully in your child's learning journey.

Any questions?

