

Welcome to Nursery and Pre-School



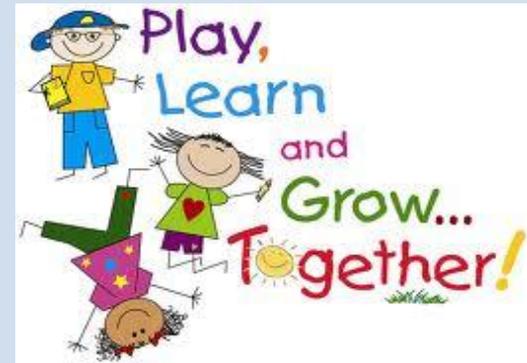
at Mill Strand Integrated
Primary School

Early Days at School

September will be a 'getting to know you time!'

We will quickly establish a daily routine with the children.

- Self registration - fine motor activities
- Good morning carpet session
- Outdoor play
- Snack
- Carpet session
- Indoor play
- Lunch
- Goodbye carpet session



Snack Time

We have a Healthy Break Policy

Children can eat the following at snack time:

- A choice of fruit
- Home Grown Vegetables
- Bread Based Products such as pancakes, wheaten and crackers
- Milk

Parents are asked to contribute £2.50 a week to cover the costs of break, playdough & messy play materials, cooking ingredients, party food and seeds for growing our own produce.



Personal, Social, Emotional development

- Turn taking and sharing
- Making lots of friends and cooperating with others
- Following Nursery rules and routines
- Becoming independent
- Persevering when something is difficult
- Rewards - Jar of good choices



Early Literacy in Nursery....



- Talking and listening
- Reading stories and browsing in the book corner
- Writing
- Early phonological awareness



Early Maths in Nursery....



We:

- sort
- match
- count
- recognise some numbers and shapes
- compare
- make patterns

We do it through....

- Playing
- Exploring
- Investigating
- Doing and observing



The World Around us.



We learn about science, history and geography through hands on practical experiences. All of our topics are based on children's interests and ideas!

We have visits from doctors, dentists, vets, postmen, RNLI people and lots more!



Outdoor Classroom

- Mill Strand is an outdoor school and we use our outdoor areas and local environments whenever possible.
- In Nursery we have outdoor learning for at least 1 hour each day
- In the summer term buddy up with Yr 6 children and take our learning to the beach each week
- We go on train rides, bus trips, library visits and picnics. We even walked to post letters to Santa Claus!



Physical Development

The children are given lots of opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills indoors and outdoors. We also have a 'PE and Movement' session in the school hall each week. We have regular yoga sessions and dough disco sessions too.

We help children to develop these skills by

- Threading beads
- Using scissors and tools
- Climbing
- Balancing
- Using bikes and scooters
- Moulding playdough
- Developing our finger strength by writing in salt, shaving foam and other messy materials!



Art, Music and Drama

Children are given a wide range of opportunities to develop their creative abilities in art, craft, role play, music, singing and drama activities each day, inside and out!



ICT Skills



Our classrooms are equipped with touchscreen interactive whiteboards and iPads. Children are able to access these each day and develop their ICT skills to access educational games.

Uniform

Girls

Navy leggings or joggers/skirt, green polo shirt, school sweatshirt, white socks, black/navy tights, shoes that the child can do on their own.

Blue or green Gingham summer dresses can be worn in the Summer term

Boys

Black/Navy joggers/shorts, green polo shirt, school sweatshirt and shoes that the child can do on their own.

Please remember to name all items of uniform, it can be very difficult to tell 26 identical jumpers apart from one another 😊



Additional Information

- Please check your child's seesaw each day.
- If you have any urgent concerns please speak to us at 8.30 and we will deal with it ASAP. You can also phone the school office.
- Nursery doors open at 8.30am - we would appreciate if all children are in the Nursery rooms by 9am so we can start the day well.
- If your child is absent please telephone the school on the first day of absence.
- We go outside each day whatever the weather, if you think your child is too ill to go outside then they are too ill to be in school.

Transition Timetable

In order to ensure all children have a smooth transition from home to Nursery children will be settled in gradually in small groups.

Your booklet details when your child will start with us:

Monday 30th Aug- Group 1 8.30am - 11am

Monday 6th Sept - Group 1 & 2 8.30am - 11am

Monday 13th Sept - Group 1, 2 & 3 8.30am - 11am

Monday 27th Sept - All children to stay for lunch 8.30am
- 12.50pm 😊

The First Day

- Avoid a rush at the last minute
- On the first day bring your child to their Nursery, where a member of staff will take them. Give them a big cuddle and tell them you are leaving but reassure them you will be back soon.
- At the end of the day try to be on time to collect your child, it can be very distressing for children to be left alone once all of their friends have been collected.