



Hello,

Welcome to Nursery at Hambleton Primary Academy.

Our Teachers are:

Miss Banks (Full time)

Mrs Ronson (Monday - Thursday)

In Nursery, we work from the Early Years Foundation Stage where we focus on teaching and watching our children develop through play. The continuous provision set up within the classroom and lessons taught are tailored to each child's needs and interests. This helps children from a young age progress and build a love for learning. Children within the nursery are baseline assessed to help plan for each child's next steps as well as assessed daily to ensure the lessons are both engaging, exciting and challenging for each child.

The children have the opportunity to play with the other year groups at playtime which helps develop relationships and communication and is also great for children that may have older siblings or relatives within the school. We also have access to our very exciting new outdoor area, which includes a WigWam, Mud Kitchen, Sandpit, climbing frame and water wall. We slowly introduce our Nursery children to the school routines throughout the year which enables an effortless transition when moving into Reception. Whilst in Nursery, children access an indoor and outdoor learning environment as well as the use of our Forest Schools on a Friday led by Mr Goldie and Mrs Blundell. We ensure these areas are accessible at all times of the year, no matter the weather! Children are able to independently explore a range of areas within the classroom to enhance their learning whilst also receiving opportunities to take part in adult-led activities.

Children are introduced to short group lessons each day based on maths (counting), English and a topic daily as well as Phase 1 Phonics. Phase 1 phonics introduces children to environmental sounds/initial and supports children's speaking and listening skills. This will include environmental, instrumental, rhythm, rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds. It provides a strong foundation for children to develop their oral blending and segmenting within the next stage, Phase 2 when moving on into Reception. This term we will have PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure children come to nursery in their P.E kit (trainers, leggings/shorts, PE tops - hair must be tied up and jewellery removed) as well as providing children with named wellies and puddle suits for our outdoor learning (mainly on Friday mornings but we may use our outdoor area at any time! These stay in school for us to use each week).

Within the transition stage and first few weeks of Nursery, the children have enjoyed getting to know one another and their teachers. Our main focus will be learning about ourselves and making new friends, talking about our families and recognising our similarities and differences. Our learning is a book-based approach, where we will centre our learning around a range of stories each week that we explore and discuss together. We will then use these stories to develop our understanding, build on our communication and language skills, and learn lots of new vocabulary.

The Curiosity Approach

In Nursery and Reception Class we are excited to inform you that we are working towards becoming a 'Curiosity Approach' accredited setting. The Curiosity Approach promotes many different pedagogies relating to child development. The approach highlights the 'awe' and 'wonder' around learning and the environment. It encourages staff to become reflective practitioners and plan through the eyes of the child; which allows the children to explore a variety of activities and resources which they may have never experienced before.

At Hambleton Primary Academy, we believe that children are born with natural curiosity. They want to do, they want to discover, explore for themselves, use their senses, be active participants and be in charge of their own learning.

We endeavour to inspire, nurture and create a curious, open-ended, love of learning for our children and their families. We aim to support all children to flourish in a safe and secure child-centred environment; Where they take pride in all of their achievements.

To find out more about the Curiosity Approach click on the link below –

<https://www.thecuriosityapproach.com/parents>

We look forward to sharing your children's development and achievements with you.

Miss Banks and Mrs Ronson.