



Welcome to Rimrose Hope Nursery



We are so pleased your child is coming to Rimrose Hope Nursery and we are very much looking forward to getting to know you both. There are a few things I want to explain which I hope you and your child will find helpful. This is an exciting time for you both but we understand that it is also a time of change and transition. Starting nursery is different for each child and we want to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, our staff are always happy to speak to you.

We recognise the importance of providing children with experiences that enhance and develop their desire to learn and their right to play. Our vision is to provide experiences that support children to think and learn for themselves, helping to form the foundations of long-life learning.



What will they be doing?

Things happen at the same time each day in nursery which will help your child to know what is happening next. This is called nursery routine. When they arrive at nursery the first thing they do is find their coat hook which has a picture on it and hang their coat up. Next, they will find their name which has the same picture on and post it in the red post box.

All the children follow the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum. This is a play-based curriculum that has seven areas of learning: Literacy; Numeracy; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Knowledge of the World and Expressive Art and Design.

Your child will take part in lots of different activities to support these areas planned around key texts which are carefully chosen to create balanced and broad learning opportunities.

There are lots of different toys and resources which are regularly changed to complement our topics and enhance learning. We encourage all our children to access and tidy the resources themselves and to engage in the activities on offer even when an adult is not present.

We sing lots of songs and nursery rhymes which help the children to become good at listening and learning new words. We listen to a story every day which helps the children to concentrate and teaches them about the world in a fun way.

How will they learn?

Your child will learn through a mix of independent exploration of the nursery environment following their own individual interests and fascinations and adult led activities in a small group, where they will also learn early number and literacy skills. There is lots of time to explore and learn through playing in different areas inside and outside during the session.



Key Person

Every child is assigned a member of staff as their key worker. This means that a named person will help your child to settle into nursery, keep an extra special eye on them to ensure that they are happy and engaged in their learning. You will find out who your child's key worker is soon after they start school. You are welcome to talk to your child's key worker or any member of staff at any time about any concerns that you have or if you just would like to see how your child is progressing.

Before they go home, one of the children is chosen for star of the day. Some of the things we give stars for are: being a good friend, sharing nicely, using kind words, trying hard to listen, making something amazing, sharing a chat with someone, telling us something interesting, having a good idea, not giving up.

We have snack time each day, where the children can enjoy some fruit and milk or water. Sometimes we bake things for our snack or help to prepare the fruit. It is important to wash our hands before we eat, and we encourage healthy eating.

What does your child need to wear?

A school uniform with our school emblem on it. You can buy it from Paul's Place 272 Stanley Road, Bootle. Tel 0151 922 2472. The white polo shirts you can buy from any large supermarket. Please put your child in Velcro shoes or trainers of any colour. You may want to bring a change of clothes for them to hang on their peg which can be non-uniform. It is important they always bring a coat to school because we spend time outside whatever the weather. Please ensure you label your child's uniform and coat.

What are the nursery rules?

1. Kind hands and kind words
2. If you are sad or angry tell an adult
3. If someone is talking, please listen
4. Walk when you are inside
5. Help to keep nursery tidy.



Our rules help to make nursery a happy and fun place to learn and make new friends.

How can your child get ready to start nursery?

There is an expectation that your child will be toilet trained before they can start nursery, If you have any concerns regarding toileting speak to staff who will be happy to support and advise .Supporting your child to learn self- help skills such as hand washing , putting on their own coat and shoes will help build confidence.

Sharing rhymes and stories is an excellent way to prepare your child for their early learning.

Oxford Owl for Home includes expert advice, top tips, activity ideas and eBooks - all for free. You might also like to take a look at, 'Tiny Happy People' It is a site that helps you develop your child's communication skills, through simple activities and play.

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