



BLANFORD MERE NURSERY

Welcome to Blanford Mere Nursery

We hope your child will be very happy at Blanford Mere Nursery.

In Nursery we believe our children need a happy, welcoming and secure environment to enable them to feel confident, valued and to develop skills at their own pace.

We believe that the Nursery is where children need high quality care and learning experiences.

Our objectives are:

- ✓ To value early childhood as a part of life, not simply a preparation for the next stage of education.
- ✓ To build on previous experiences and knowledge of the child, encouraging an atmosphere of mutual respect between children, parents and staff.
- ✓ To deliver a curriculum to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework, through play as far as possible, recognising that for young children, play is the central means of access to the curriculum.





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Here are some things you need to know about Nursery:

- Nursery Lead Practitioner is:
Miss N Porter
- Nursery sessions are as follows:
8.30 am - 11.30 am - morning session
12.10pm - 15.10pm - afternoon session
Please use the pathway to the Children's centre entrance. To access the Nursery press the buzzer. Please do not use the staff car park - please park on Balfour Road and walk to the Nursery.
- We have fresh water available each day for your child.
- Parents are given the option of buying into our fruit scheme - for a small contribution of 12p per day.
- Monday is News Day, please encourage your child to share any 'news', photos of things they have made/done at home.
- Friday is Library day, come and choose a book with your child at 11:15am or if you have a child who attends Nursery all day, come at 2.50pm to choose a book together.





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WE WEAR UNIFORM IN NURSERY

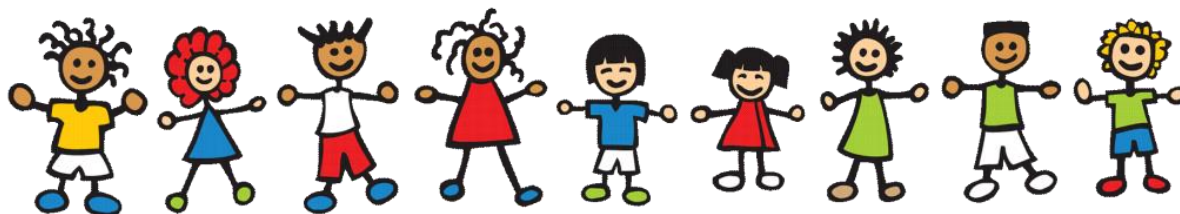
- Red Sweatshirts with school logo
- Red polo shirts with school logo (you can order these from the school office)
- Dark grey/black trousers, jogging bottoms, skirts or shorts
- Red and white summer dresses
- Sensible flat black shoes - no trainers please
- **NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN IN NURSERY**

Your child will also need:

- A **free pump bag** - provided by the School. Please collect from the school office.
- Black pumps
- Spare clothing including pants and socks - these will be kept in school in the pump bag.

How can parents help?

- Please ensure all your children's clothes are named.
- Please help your child to be able to dress and undress independently.
- Please be aware that some activities take place both indoors and outside, please ensure your child comes to Nursery in appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions - e.g. waterproof coat, wellies or sunhat and cool clothing - weather dependant.
- Let your child help you write lists for shopping, write greeting cards and 'play' at writing.
- Encourage your child to look for numbers, shapes, colours etc in the environment.





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In Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Children are encouraged to become independent and confident learners.

We have lots of fun in Nursery, here are some of the things we do:

Physical Play

- PE
- Cars and bikes
- Outdoor physical activity area



Exploration:

- Sand
- Water
- Magnets
- Cooking



Creative Activities:

- Singing
- Making music
- Listening to music
- Painting
- Printing and drawing



Imaginative and Role-play:

- Duplo
- Playmobile
- Tool kits
- Home Corner



Construction Play

- Building bricks
- Boxes and planks
- Duplo





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And lots more...

Number Activities:

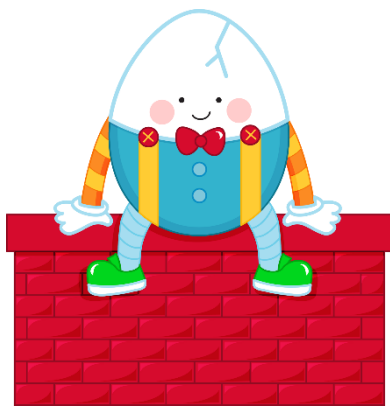
We match

We sort

We count

We play number games

We play with shapes



Literacy Activities:

We listen to stories

We learn Nursery Rhymes

We learn letter sounds and names

Outdoor Classroom

We build

We weave

We plant

We climb

We play with sand and water

We play with role-play boxes





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THINGS TO DO AT HOME

Fun with paint

Printing

Use potatoes, balloons, hands, feet, toilet rolls, yoghurt pots, cotton reels etc.

- 1) Choose an object to print with
- 2) Wipe off excess paint
- 3) Press painted side of object onto paper
- 4) Repeat to make a pattern



Butterflies

You will need: Paper, thin paint and brushes

- 1) Fold the paper in half
- 2) Dab blobs of paint onto one half
- 3) Fold the paper over again and press down firmly
- 4) Over the paper to see your beautiful butterfly





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Cooking Fairy Cakes

You will need:

- 100g self-raising flour
- 1 level teaspoon baking powder
- 100g soft margarine
- 100g caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon milk

- 1) Sift flour and baking powder together in a bowl
- 2) Add all other ingredients and mix well to make a smooth consistency
- 3) Divide mixture into cake cases
- 4) Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes (180°, 375°F, mark 4-5) until cakes are golden
- 5) Remove from oven and when cool, decorate!



Cooking playdough

You will need:

- 3 cups of flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of salt
- 3 cups of water
- 2 teaspoons of water
- 3 tablespoons of cooking oil
- Food colouring

- 1) Place all ingredients into a saucepan and cook, stirring well, for about 3 minutes
- 2) When cooked remove from the pan and knead a little before use

