

Nursery Information Pack

Supporting early literacy and numeracy skills

Early experience is key to building your child's foundation for learning. Encouraging them to join in with roleplay or fun activities makes their learning more fun. This can be done around the house, in the car or at the supermarket.



Maths is everywhere

You could:

- Count how many toys make the boat sink at bath time
- Make birthday cards and write age numbers on them
- Sort out clothes that are too big or too small
- Children may not understand all the maths you use but they
- can get to know words and numbers.



The road to reading

- You could:
- Share books and talk about the pictures
- Join the local library
- Use lots of describing words as you explore things together
- Share the importance of your everyday reading; text
- messages, reading labels, letters etc.



Making their mark – children's early writing

- You could:
- Encourage exploration with pens and paint
- Write notes to your child
- Show children how you write – write a list, letter, appointment on the calendar etc.
- Try not to worry if:
- Your child writes letters backwards – this can be corrected later
- Switch hands when they write – this is common



- Your child is not very interested in writing – try a
- bucket of water and paint brush outside on walls and
- paving, use finger paints, chalk etc.
- Try to make activities exciting and above all, have fun!



We really want your child's time at nursery to be a happy and memorable one. To help us achieve this we ask for your cooperation with some issues that may arise:

Sickness

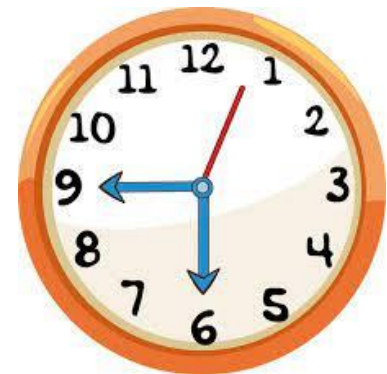


At John Perry Primary School we strive for excellent attendance. However, we acknowledge that with young children it is sometimes necessary to keep pupils home from school due to sickness.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please call the office on: 020 8270 4622. Ask them to inform the nursery of their absence and give brief details of the illness. This helps us to monitor sickness in nursery and stops the attendance officer contacting you.

Lateness

We understand that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided. However, our structured day starts with fun activities and constant lateness means your child will be missing out on vital learning. We also ask, for you collect your child from nursery on time. Staff have routines to complete at the end of each session and cannot supervise your child during this time. If you bring or collect your child late on several occasions, you may be asked to attend a concern meeting with a member of SLT. Please refer to our Attendance Policy and our Late Collection Policy for more information.



Library books

Your child can choose a library book to take home for the week every Friday to share with you. We ask you to return the book every Friday, so your child can select another book for the week. We will supply a zipped wallet folder, but using other book bags of your choice is fine.



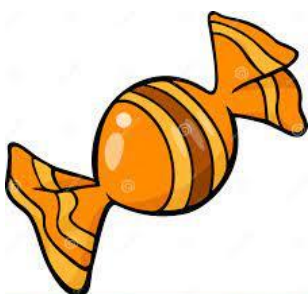
What to wear?

Please send your child to nursery in appropriate, labelled clothing. They will get messy and wet sometimes when they play. A spare set of clothes, in a bag, labelled clearly with your child's name is requested, in case your child needs changing or any toileting accidents.

Please do not send your child in pull-ups or nappies
We will assist your child and frequently encourage them to use the toilet.



Sweet sharing



The school does not allow children to bring confectionary, cakes or crisps into school in celebration of birthdays or religious events. This is in line with the government guidelines of a balanced diet. On some special occasions throughout the school year, children may be allowed a treat during class parties and fundraising events.

Jewellery

Please note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn at nursery at any time. This includes rings, bracelets, necklaces and earrings (not even studs). This is in line with school and borough policies.





Child well-being

Please talk to a member of staff if your child is worrying about anything at school or home. We're always here to listen.

Always ensure we have an **up-to-date phone number** to contact you on during sessions in case of emergencies.

Please ensure we are aware of who will be collecting your child if it is not you.

Please phone the office and ask them to inform nursery if you forget or circumstances change during the session time.

Always **arrive on time to drop off and collect your child**. Children can become upset if their routine is disrupted or they are the last one waiting to be collected.

Please consider the season and safety when dressing your child for nursery.

Footwear should allow them to jump, climb and run safely.

Ensure warm clothing for the cold, and light clothing for warmer days.

Sunscreen should be applied before arriving at nursery. Shoulders should be covered to prevent burning, and a sun hat worn, as we play outside for long periods of time. Please label all clothing and accessories, as we items are frequently lost or unclaimed.

Please leave your child's toys at home as they may become upset if they are broken or lost.