



Long Knowle Primary School

The Early Years - Welcome!

A special welcome to new children and their parents joining Nursery this term!

Children in the Early Years learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

There are three 'prime' areas of learning in the Early Years: personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language. These prime areas of learning give children the skills and confidence they need to access learning in the 'specific' areas of learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

We offer children in our Nursery a rich and stimulating curriculum across all the areas of learning, supporting children to go where their curiosity takes them, to develop ideas interests and relationships with one another.

Marvellous Me

MarvellousMe tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work, a great character skill, or received school rewards. It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement. Plus, it helps you to stay on top of homework, events and other school tasks. MarvellousMe is free for parents. You'll get exciting alerts if you use it on your smartphone or tablet. Please ask Mrs Frisby for a joining code if you do not have one.

I Wonder How it Looks, tastes, sounds feels and smells like?

I Wonder why we do that?

In line with the new Early Years Curriculum we now have themes to explore alongside following the children's interests. Our theme this half term is I Wonder How it Looks, tastes, sounds feels and smells like? Then after half term our theme will be I wonder why we do that? Each week we will have a new story and song/rhyme to learn.

You can find more information about these on our **Knowledge Organisers!**

Phonics

Here at Long Knowle Primary School, we follow a phonic scheme called Story Time Phonics. Therefore, if your child is ready to learn initial letter sounds, they will begin this in Nursery. This helps to embed their learning ready for Reception Class. Mrs Frisby can give you more information about this.

Water Bottles

Could you please send your child to Nursery with a water bottle, particularly if they do not drink milk. Water bottles should be **NAMED** and containing **WATER ONLY**.

Spare Clothing

Could you please ensure that your child has at least one spare change of clothes left at Nursery. If your child borrows any clothing from Nursery **PLEASE RETURN** it as soon as you can.

Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!!!

Please ensure that your child knows and understands this important message.

Outdoor Learning

Learning outdoors in all weathers is an important part of our curriculum. Therefore please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather, including a coat, hat and scarf and gloves when the weather turns colder, **all should be named.**



£1 Weekly Donations

Thank you for your weekly Donations!

So far, we have bought ingredients to make playdough which is lots of fun but also helps children to strengthen the muscles in their small hands which helps improve writing skills!

Just £1 a week also allows us to create additional learning opportunities for your child and gives us the flexibility to respond to the ideas of the children in the Nursery.



Up Coming Dates/Events:

Half Term Monday 25th October

Christmas Celebrations (Details to be confirmed)