



Castle Bromwich Infant and Nursery School
Welcomes you!

Early Years Booklet to support your child on entry to Nursery



Early Years Curriculum and Supporting Learning at Home

This booklet is to assist you in getting to know the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and supporting your child at home.

Within our Early Years children are offered a play based approach with a balance of child initiated and adult initiated opportunities, to explore and learn together.

The EYFS curriculum is split into seven areas of learning

- Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding of the World

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This involves caring for others and learning to share, being able to work independently as well as with others. We play games to develop sharing and turn taking skills and support children in labelling and talking about their feelings.

How you can help?

Independence is key, encourage your child to dress themselves, help them to recognise their own name and belongings. Encouraging children to tidy up their own toys and playing turn taking games

Communication and Language and Literacy

This involves speaking and listening to others in large and small groups. Being confident to have a turn in a conversation and express their own views. It also involves listening to and talking about familiar stories.

How you can help at home?

Talk to your child about their day encouraging them to speak in full sentences. Read stories and share rhymes together discussing your favourite parts. Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their

understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word

Encourage your child to hold a book correctly turn the pages and point to the words on the page. Visit the local library and explore new books together.

Physical Development

This is not just PE, although children will get opportunities to throw, catch and climb, they will also be focusing on their fine motor skills such as threading and pencil control.

How can you help at home?

Visit local parks to climb and play, play with play dough and colour with children to develop their pencil grip.

Mathematics

This area looks at number and recognising them as well as counting. Children will have lots of opportunities to count and recognise numbers and match them to quantity. They will begin to learn shape names and the properties of those shapes. They will be exposed to a range of maths vocabulary.

How you can help at home?

Encourage your child to point to and recognise numbers they see on buses or houses, encourage them to count as they go along. Talk about objects being taller or shorter when cooking try weighing things together.

Literacy

This covers both reading and writing and more formal teaching of this will take place in Reception. Children will be taught phonics using the Letters and Sounds program which begins with Phase One in Nursery.

Within Phase One children will listen carefully for sounds and begin to discriminate between them, they will listen to the rhythm and rhyme in words all of this supports children in becoming readers. Nursery will have a sound of the week to aid children in learning letter sounds in preparation for reading later in school. The children will also have a rhyme of the week to learn which supports their understanding, it is said a child that knows 8 nursery rhymes by the time they are 5 are among the best readers at age 8.

How you can help at home?

Try to read regularly with your child pointing out letter sounds, work on reading/recognising their own name. To reinforce the sound of the week find objects that begin with that letter sound. Work on name writing using cursive formation.

Understanding the World

This area covers a wide range of subjects including Science, History, Geography, ICT and RE. Children will have the chance to observe changes and talk about things they see happening. They will learn about different cultures and faiths.

How you can help at home?

Look at family photographs and discuss family events, visit parks and talk about and name plants and wildlife. Try to cook together and talk about the changes you can see happening.

Expressive Arts and design

This area covers Art, Music, Drama and Construction, children will have the opportunity to explore pretend play, and create art work in a variety of ways. They will explore the sounds of instruments and learn new songs.

How you can help at home?

Act out familiar stories and make dens together, create instruments from old boxes or shakers from bottles. Encourage children to use their imagination.

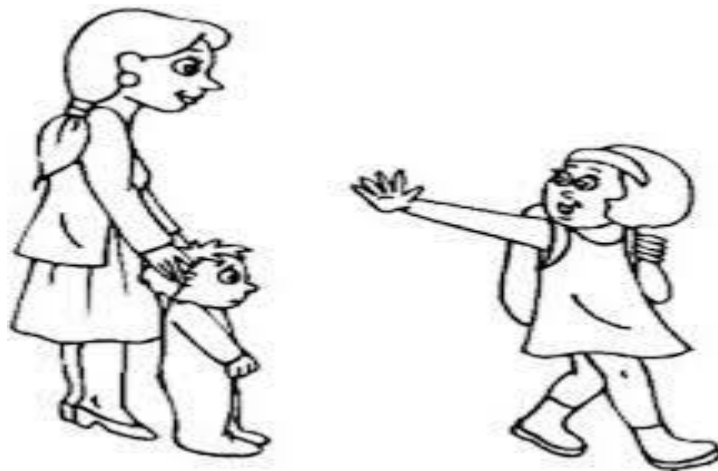
Throughout your child's time in Nursery teachers will be observing and shaping next steps in learning for your child. We have an online learning journey called Tapestry which we will email you a log in to in order for you to view your child's learning as well as add your own observations of your child's achievements. We also have a system called class dojo which will keep you up to date with all the exciting learning that is taking place in Nursery.

Preparing to start at Castle Bromwich Infant and Nursery School

We have put together some top tips to aid you when preparing your child to start Nursery!

Starting Nursery is a big step and usually quite a change for both adults and children.

Hopefully these tips can help make the transition as easy as possible.



Top Tip 1

Stay calm and start with a smile!

- **Talk to your child positively about coming to Nursery**
- **Visit on Open Days, Look at the school website**
- **Always try to talk about Nursery in a positive way**

Top Tip 2

Talk about everything

- **Talk lots about starting Nursery show children their uniform and the school building.**
- **Share happy memories from your own School life and photographs.**
- **If your child has a special toy or comforter talk about leaving it at home and using it after Nursery.**

Top Tip 3

Focus on things they enjoy

- **If your child is anxious talk about things that might be at school which they will enjoy i.e. sand and water play, painting.**

Top Tip 4

Read stories about starting school

- **Our local library has many stories all about starting school.**

Books you may like to explore

First Day by Andrew Daddo

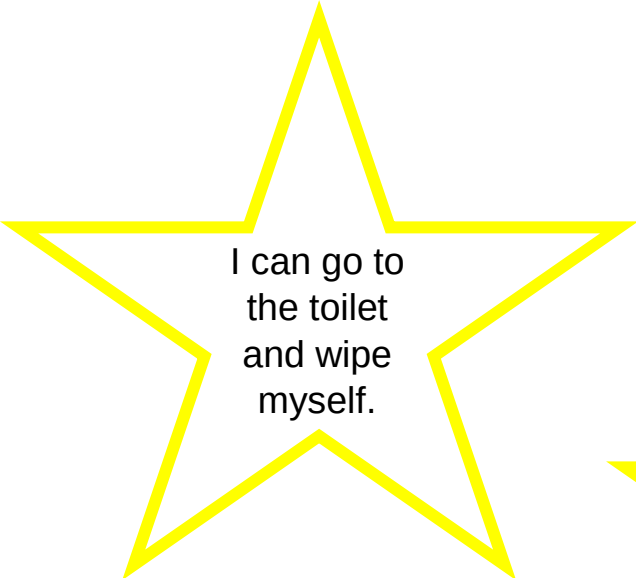
I Am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child

The Things I Love About School by Trace Morone

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Start School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

At Castle Bromwich Infant and Nursery School we have a can do attitude and encourage independence, with this in mind here are some targets to work on with your child before they start Nursery or School.



I can go to
the toilet
and wipe
myself.



I can
speak in
full
sentences.



I can put on
my coat.



I can
recognise
my name.