

Welcome to Preschool!!

Now that your child is, or is approaching, 3 years old, it is time for them to move to the Preschool room. During their time in preschool, Emma, Taylor, Jessica and Sara will be looking after them. In preschool we work to a more structured programme that focuses on the 7 areas of learning: Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Personal and Social Development, Wellbeing and Cultural Diversity; Language, Literacy and Communication Skills; Mathematical Development; Creative Development; Welsh Language Development; and Physical Development, although we still have plenty of time for free play activities, as we value these just as much. Below are a few things that you need to know about what your child will be doing and need during their time in Preschool. If you have any questions, or would like to see what your child has been up to, please do not hesitate to come into the room and see Emma, Taylor, Jessica and Sara.

Lending Library

This gives the children the opportunity to pick a book or a small game that promotes early years development from nursery to read and look at at home. Each child has their own Library Card kept in Nursery, so we can keep a record of which book or game your child has, and they will be provided with a folder in which to carry the book/game to and from nursery in. We would ask that no item be kept at home for longer than a week, so that all children have the opportunity to share the books and games.

Assessments and folders

Every school term we complete an assessment of every child. Your child's next steps will be sent home for you to look at and you will be able to return your own comments. These will then be compiled into a folder, along with samples of your child's work for you to have and show to the school when they leave Burleigh House.

Please feel free to look at our areas of learning books in the hall to see the types of activities we provide.

Activity Sheet

Every fortnight we send home an activity sheet to let you know what activities we will be covering from the 7 areas. On the bottom of the activity sheet we put a suggestion of an activity that you might like to try at home, to help develop skills that they have been focusing on in nursery that week. It is entirely up to you whether you want to try the activity, and your child will not miss out on anything in nursery if they don't do the activity at home, but we hope that this will promote the continuity between the nursery and the home environments.

Spare Clothes

We do ask that, even if your child is fully toilet trained, they have a spare set of clothes in nursery just in case. These can be left in nursery, in a bag, on their pegs. **Be aware: we do get very messy in the Preschool Room!**

Our Routine

Our routine can be found on the preschool room door. We don't always stick strictly to it but this is the approximate times we do things during the week. If your child is not in at times when we are covering an activity they may not complete it that week. For those children who only attend a few sessions each week we will adapt the routine to fit in as many activities from the seven areas as possible, but we cannot promise to cover them all.