



Summerville
Primary School

Welcome to
The Early Years
Foudation Stage
Nursery



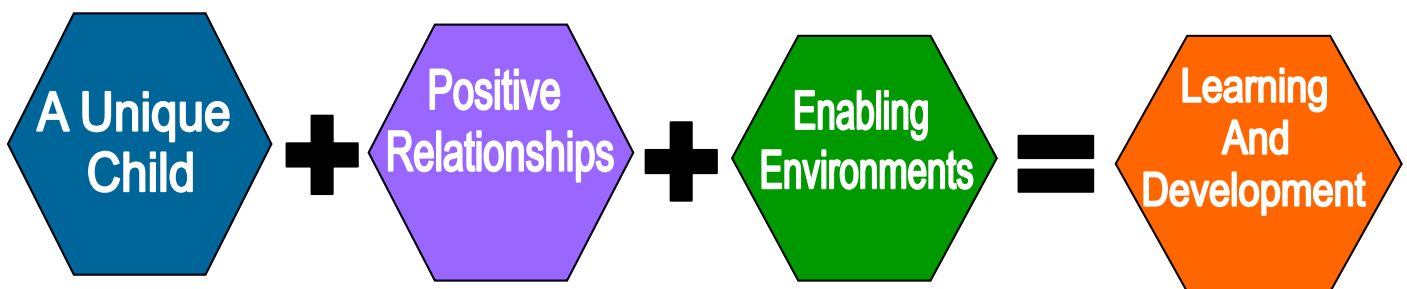
Our Vision

'At Summerville our vision is to ensure that all our children do well, achieve their full potential and become life long learners.'



In the Early Years children are building the foundations for their future learning. We work to four guiding principles set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework:

- Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, confident and self-assured.
- Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
- Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which their experiences are planned to suit their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents / carers.
- **Children develop in different ways and at different rates.**



At Summerville we teach our children through challenging, fun and playful opportunities across all areas of learning and development, both indoors and outdoors.

We believe that play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others.

Our Aims

Staff

To ensure all staff are well trained and have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. One role is as a **key person** to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, to help the child become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship for the child and build a strong relationship with their parents.

Provision and Resourcing

We aim to provide stimulating resources that reflect all the children's cultures and communities. We work hard to plan fun and exciting learning opportunities where children are supported to take risks and gain independence. We achieve this by making full use of indoor and outdoor environments and by organising visits out of the setting or inviting visitors in to work with the children.

Partnerships

We aim to build strong relationships with our children, parents and carers based on being sensitive and responsive to the children's and families needs, feelings and interests. Practitioners aim to be warm and loving and foster a sense of belonging for all children. We also aim to be supportive to parents. We work in partnership with our families and other agencies, e.g. school health and Speech and Language Therapists, to provide the best care for our children.

Keeping Safe

Summerville School has a clear safeguarding policy which all staff adhere to. Staff are all well trained in current safeguarding procedures. Our head teacher: Miss Jordan and our children and families officer; Miss Gilluley are the designated Safeguarding Officers in our school.

We strive to ensure that our children are healthy, safe and secure. We make sure that the number of staff to children is appropriate and we keep our setting and the resources clean and safe for the children.

The school building is very secure and all doors and perimeter gates are locked during the school day. Only adults with appropriate safety checks are admitted to the building unescorted.

We are a healthy eating school. The children are provided with healthy snacks and drinks each day. We promote exercise and children have access to outdoors throughout the day, in all weathers.



What will my child need?

School Uniform In The Early Years

We have a uniform in the Early Years, which we expect our children to wear at all times. The uniform is an important outward sign of pride in belonging to the school. Uniform can be ordered from the school office or can be bought from several supermarkets at competitive prices. *NB currently school are unable to take school orders / payment for uniform due to the current social distancing measures. Orders will resume again in September.*

Please note that in EYFS Joggers / leggings and sensible Velcro shoes or trainers are support children's independence with self help skills and improve safety particularly in the outdoor environment.



Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan



Black joggers or leggings with an elasticated waist.



Plain white polo T-shirt with collar



Velcro shoes or trainers.

Shoes that cover the top of your child's foot and have a good grip for outdoor play are safest option.

We aim to offer the children continuous outdoor play in all weathers- To keep them warm and dry. Your child will also need:-



pair of wellies to keep in school.



sun hat.



warm, showerproof coat.

All children require a full set of spare clothing (every item clearly labelled with their name). School will provide a bag for spare clothes for every child on their first day.

PE Kit for Nursery children is not required until the Summer Term so we suggest parents wait to buy this until later in the year.

The school sports kit consists of : **a plain white T shirt, black shorts and black velcro pumps or velcro trainers for outdoor PE lessons.**

The school will provide each child with their first PE bag free of charge.

The curriculum and Topics

Our topics for the year are:

Autumn 1	Autumn	All About Me Animals
Autumn 2		Light and Dark Christmas Celebrations
Spring 1	Seasonal changes Winter	It's Cold Out There. Chinese New Year
Spring 2		Superheroes Easter
Summer 1	Summer	New Life and Growth Mini beasts
Summer 2		Dinosaurs Under the Sea / Pirates

At Summerville we work as a combined EYFS Unit and Nursery and Reception study shared topics though the focus differs in each class. Our key books/ texts are specifically selected for our age range and activities are carefully planned to meet the needs and developmental stages of the children in each class. We observe and assess children's progress and identify what children already know and what they need to learn next. Our curriculum is fun, flexible and play based. It allows time for us to follow children's interests with lots of active learning opportunities.

Communication, Language and Literacy.

At Summerville Primary School we place high importance on developing children's communication, language and reading skills as we recognise their central importance in learning across the curriculum. As well as lots of talk in play, we undertake daily speech and language group time activities in Nursery and further additional support for groups of children who's listening, attention, understanding and speaking skills may be delayed.

Books, books and more books!

In the Early Years Unit we provide every child with their first book bag so that they can start taking books home from their first day at school. Every child has the opportunity to borrow school Library books to share with the family at home. These can be changed as often as needed.

When children are ready they will also choose a school reading book to practise early reading skills at home (usually in the Summer Term of Nursery or the start of Reception). Home reading diaries are provided for parents to record reading heard at home.

Summerville Imagination Library

Every child who attends Summerville Primary School and their younger siblings can receive a quality free book once a month through the post. These books are offered from birth to 5 years (60 books). I know it sounds too good to be true but there's no catch! As soon as possible we will ask parents to sign up their children to receive their first book.

A typical day in Nursery...

Children are greeted by a member of staff at 8.30. The day starts with free play, which we refer to as 'exploring time'. Children have free access to outdoors throughout the day. We steadily build routines with the children which help them to quickly learn the pattern of the day. As the children settle we begin to incorporate more adult led activities alongside child initiated play.

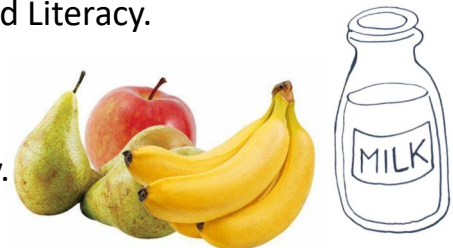
Initially we start group times with a small key person group to build relationships and develop confidence. We sing Nursery rhymes and number songs and read lots of lovely stories and play games. As we move through the first term we steadily increase the number of group times sessions during the day to include phase 1 phonics activities, maths sessions and a wide range of exciting adult led activities involving learning across the curriculum.

Snacktime

In Nursery we have a continuous snack table which children can access when they are ready. An adult will support good hand hygiene before eating and will help children to self select snack. We use this time with the children as a fun way of practising a range of skills from physical and communication skills to early maths and Literacy.

At snack time the children are offered:-

Milk— All children are provided with free milk each day.



Fruit— All children are provided with free fruit every day.

Fruit ranges from bananas, apples, oranges and pears to seasonal strawberries.

Water— All children will have their own school water bottle in school labelled with their photograph and /or name. They have continual access to this throughout the day and bottles are sterilized daily and refilled regularly. We ask for a voluntary contribution of around £1 to help with costs.

We are a healthy school and we do not allow juice or flavoured water. It is really helpful if parents get children get used to drinking water and or milk before they start in Nursery.



Every child is provided with a new tooth brush and toothpaste each term and has the opportunity to clean their teeth everyday after lunch as part of our daily routine.

Lunchtime

Our Nursery and Reception classes eat their lunch from 11.45 in the familiar environment of our Early Years Unit. Nursery staff remain with the children through the lunch hour to support the children with independence skills, play and social skills. Take a look at the information below to decide whether which meal option best suits your child.



Paid Lunches

If you decide to send your child with a packed lunch they will require a sandwich box or bag clearly labelled with their name. Please be sure not to over face your child with too many choices or too much food. As a healthy school children in school are all provided with water at lunchtime. Please do not include any fruit juices, flavoured waters or sweets as we do not allow these.

School Meals

Nursery are classed as pre school age and therefore do not qualify for the universal free meal scheme . School meals will be at a cost of £10.50 per week. If you choose this option for your child, please ensure that lunch money for the week is handed in on a Monday morning, in a labelled envelope. If you wish to change lunch choices please let the office staff know well in advance so that food can be ordered or cancelled.

Free School Meals

For Nursery and Reception families who believe they may be entitled to free school meals, please contact Education Welfare Services **(Tel 0161 793 2500)**.

We suggest you do so well before your child starts school to ensure your application has been processed ready for the Autumn term.

Home time routines

Though routines may alter in light of the current crisis currently parents can pick up their children from 2.55. Children brought out to parents one at a time as each parent arrives. Before your child starts at school we will collect from you a list of all those who you wish to be able to collect your child. Please be warned that we will not let a child go with anyone who is not on that list without speaking to you first.

Getting To Know You.

We are really eager to meet all our new children and families. At this current time we are unable to give any details of when initial meetings and opportunities to visit school will take place. As we receive government and local authority advice we will keep you informed and as soon as we know more we will let you know.

In the meantime please look at the photos of staff with your children and watch out for further videos of staff and our current classes. Sharing these with your child is a great way of familiarising them with their new teachers and will help get them excited about starting Nursery .

I will be contacting parent by email / post next term to keep you in the loop and to send out to you a 'Here I Come' information gathering sheet. It would be really helpful if you could you complete this. The information you give about your child's likes and dislikes, interests, strengths and difficulties will really help us plan for our new class.



Why not download the Summerville Primary School app as this will help you stay up to date with new school information as it happens.

Helping Your Child Make The Best Start.

As parents you are your child's very first and most important teacher. Just think how much your child has learned since birth.

Here are some tips on things to practise with your child to help them gain independence and confidence ready for starting their new school.

- Encourage your child to do without dummies and comforters in the day.
- If your child is not already toilet trained, it's a good idea to start now. Please refer to the booklet we have added to the website for top tips.
- Encourage your child to develop independence with managing their own personal hygiene, Washing hands, using a tissue to wipe their own nose.
- Share information, photo's and videos of your child's new teachers and help them practice saying our names.
- Talk to them about the adventure of starting school, new friends to play with and exciting play opportunities.
- Share stories and sing Nursery rhymes together. How many does your child know?
- Listening to and singing counting songs.
- Playing simple picture lotto, matching colours and shapes etc, Sorting activities, making patterns, saying number names in order and counting all helps early mathematical development.
- Encourage your child to use toys carefully and give them lots of praise for helping you when tidying up their toys.
- Encourage sit down meals with their family and encourage them to hold and use cutlery correctly.
- Have high expectations. Let your child dress and undress independently, Put on their own coat and shoes. Can they fasten them.
- Have quiet talking times without the distraction of TV or radio.
- Point out signs as you walk along the street together and talk about what they say.
- Share stories together. Talk about the pictures. What might happen next?
- Ensure your child is used to health snacks and drinks. Offering them water and milk and tasting new fruit will help them enjoy snack time when they start at school.