

Gorse Hall Nursery Curriculum Matters

Autumn | 2023

Hello and Welcome!

Welcome to Nursery and a new chapter in your child's life. There will be lots of exciting learning activities for your child as well as lots of changes too. We appreciate that this can also be an anxious time for both the children and yourselves and the main focus of this term is to build relationships and settle your children. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything that concerns you, we are more than happy to help. The most important thing is that your child is happy in Nursery, with that comes confidence and independence, friends and learning. We want them to be excited to come and explore their surroundings and the rest will follow. Miss Ives and Miss Brittain

Snacks and Drinks

Each morning we have a social chat time when the children are offered a piece of fruit and milk or water. We encourage you to provide your child with a **named** drinks bottle and we remind the children throughout the day to have a drink. We do not allow fizzy, energy drinks or cans.



Wellington Boots



We love to spend as much time outside as we can and enjoy our wellie walks. Please could you provide a pair of **named** boots so we can make use of not only our playground but also the wooded area in the school grounds. We have a Rainbow Bag waiting for your child's wellies!

Class Fund

Each week we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1. We have used this money in the past to give the children a different snack other than fruit, and items to enhance our topics and classroom.

Seesaw

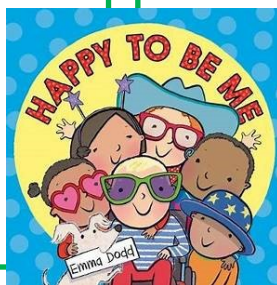


Communication is largely through the Seesaw app as this is quick and convenient. It is vital that you check for messages and of course there are photos of your child explorations. We will reply as soon as we possibly can through the day but bear with us after school hours.

If you need any assistance in using the app, please let us know.

Our topic this half term— 'This is Me!'

We will be concentrating on our body parts as well as the five senses. There will be a house for role play, songs and rhymes and of course we will spend as much time as we can outside building up our gross motor skills and immunity! We will also be concentrating on oral hygiene, something new to the Early Years Curriculum.



Each topic will have key words to extend your child's vocabulary. The words for this topic are — **teeth, mouth, toes, thumbs and arms.**

During the first few weeks the children are staggered in their entry to Nursery. This gives us the much needed opportunity to help each child settle and adjust. We spend this time building relationships and assessing each child's specific educational needs as this is vital for your child's development. We appreciate that this takes time and every child is different, so we won't be rushing into anything, we have a relaxed, flexible and fun nursery and focus very much as your child's mental health.

