

St Cyrus Nursery- Term 1 2023/24



General Information

This term we would like to welcome all our new children to our nursery. They have all settled in well, starting to have a great understanding of routines such as snack, outside and where to store their belongings. We still have more children joining us throughout the year and we cannot wait to meet them.



We would like to welcome our new staff member Donna that we are excited to join is at St Cyrus, Donna is off on a Wednesday. An email has been sent out last week for our change of door routine, we have had lots of positive comments about getting into the nursery which is great.

Each week there will be a newsletter emailed out to everyone which shows our learning and what we have been up too. Lots of pictures which can be nice too!

Early Level Group

This year we are going to be working more closely with the primary one class. We are starting some short sessions with the Primary 1's through outdoor learning. This will give a chance for children to get to know all the P1's and develop their learning together.



Learning Journals

Each child has their own folder which consist of their learning and pictures. You will have a chance to see this throughout the year in open afternoons or coming in each day. If you would like to take it home or look at it, a staff member would be happy to help. An updated handbook for the year will be emailed out at the start of September with up-to-date information.



Nature Nursery-Sessions

Following on from our successful sessions last year, we will be continuing our outdoor learning nature nursery sessions throughout the coming year.

These sessions will take place in our Nature Nursery Garden and will add challenge, depth, and progression to your child's learning within the nursery and teach your child skills that would be used in a Forest School environment -

- Safe use of tools
- Den building

- Fire safety
- Tree climbing
- Outdoor roleplay
- Problem solving
- Increased concentration
- Decision making
- Appreciation of nature and the world around them
- Physical development - balancing and muscle tone.
- An understanding that we all need to connect with nature to support our mental and emotional wellbeing.



We will be outdoors in all weathers for a full session of learning and play. In the case of extreme weather, a decision on how long we stay outdoors will be made by staff. Weather protection is imperative for your child to learn and play safely and they should arrive at nursery dressed appropriately for the weather (warm clothing, waterproof jackets and trousers, gloves, hats, thick socks, sunhats etc). We would recommend that your child wears snow boots in the winter - Lidl's often have good deals on these at that time of year. In our experience, children who have worn normal welly boots have not been warm enough during cold spells.

Children should arrive and be picked up nursery at the usual time on these days.

Important dates for your diary

12th of September- Our library coordinator will be visiting us with the children to read stories and create new songs and games to get to know them at 2pm.

9th of October- We will have an open afternoon from 3-4 with tea/coffee and cake. This will give you a chance to see your child's learning in the nursery and speak to any staff member. We will have some games set up for children if they would like to join us.

10th of October- Our library coordinator will be visiting us with the children to read stories and create new songs and games to get to know them at 2pm.

13th of October- Last day of term.

These dates may change each term to allow children that attend shorter sessions to experience this.

Nature Nursery Dates - Term 1 & 2

5 September 2023

19 September 2023

3 October 2023

31 October 2023

14 November 2023

*We have an open-door policy if you ever just want a chat just to ask- Lauren, Bev,
Donna, Jodi, and Marie.*