

Welcome to Nursery!

Also known as the Gruffalo Class



Essential information
2023-2024



Thameside Primary School

- OUR VISION IS TO NURTURE LIFE-LONG LEARNERS WHO ARE ASPIRATIONAL, COURAGEOUS, CREATIVE AND KIND.
- **Throughout their time at Thameside, we will ensure every child has excellent opportunities with memorable and meaningful experiences which will inspire and challenge them at school while also preparing them for their future. Everything we do is underpinned by our values of respect, responsibility, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness.**



Meet the Thameside Team!

Laura Youngman – Headteacher

Emma Putt – Deputy Headteacher

Annette Polley – Inclusion Lead and SENCO

Lucy Hendry – Nursery Manager



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This presentation aims to provide an introduction to Nursery at Thameside and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

The information in this presentation has also been emailed in your Welcome Pack.



Starting in September

You have hopefully all enjoyed your stay and play sessions.

- Friday 21st July – home visits for new starters to Thameside (Mrs Hendry will arrange with you).
- First day - Wednesday 6th September.

It is very important that we have all relevant information about your child by their first day at school, including any allergies/medical information as well as contact information should we need to get hold of you. Please can you fill in the forms in your enrolment pack and return them to school as soon as possible.



The Nursery Day

8.30am	Gates open
8.45 am	Doors open and children are welcomed into the classroom
9.00am	Registration and input session
9.30am	Free play inside and outside
10.15am	Start snack
11am	Phonics/Maths
11:45am	Morning children leave/ afternoon children come in/ Lunch
12.15pm	Outdoor playtime
1:00pm	Registration then Maths/Phonics
1.30pm	Free play inside or outside
2.45pm: End of session	
2.50pm	Carpet time
3.15pm	End of the school day (extended – fee of £2.50)



My child's learning

In Nursery, play and practical learning are key approaches to teaching and learning

- ❖ These include a balance of 'child initiated' activities, which stem from the children's own interests and choices, and 'adult-led' activities which are planned by the adults to enhance and develop children's learning by focusing on their individual learning needs.
- ❖ We use the indoor and outdoor environments to achieve this. We incorporate opportunities to visit other places and invite 'experts' into our unit to develop the children's curiosity about the world around them.

How will you know what your child is learning?



An overview of the term's planning is put on Tapestry at the beginning of each term. Weekly overviews are also shared on Tapestry.



We use the EYFS and development matters to support the children's learning. Also with 'Phase 1 Phonics' to prepare the children when they start in Reception.



'Tapestry' observations highlight individual children's learning.



An end of year report is sent out during the final term, which reports on your child's achievement on the Early Years Foundation Stage profile.



At any time you wish to ask about how your child is getting on, please talk to the nursery team. If we have any worries, concerns or highlights, we may ask to speak to you



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

Learning Journeys

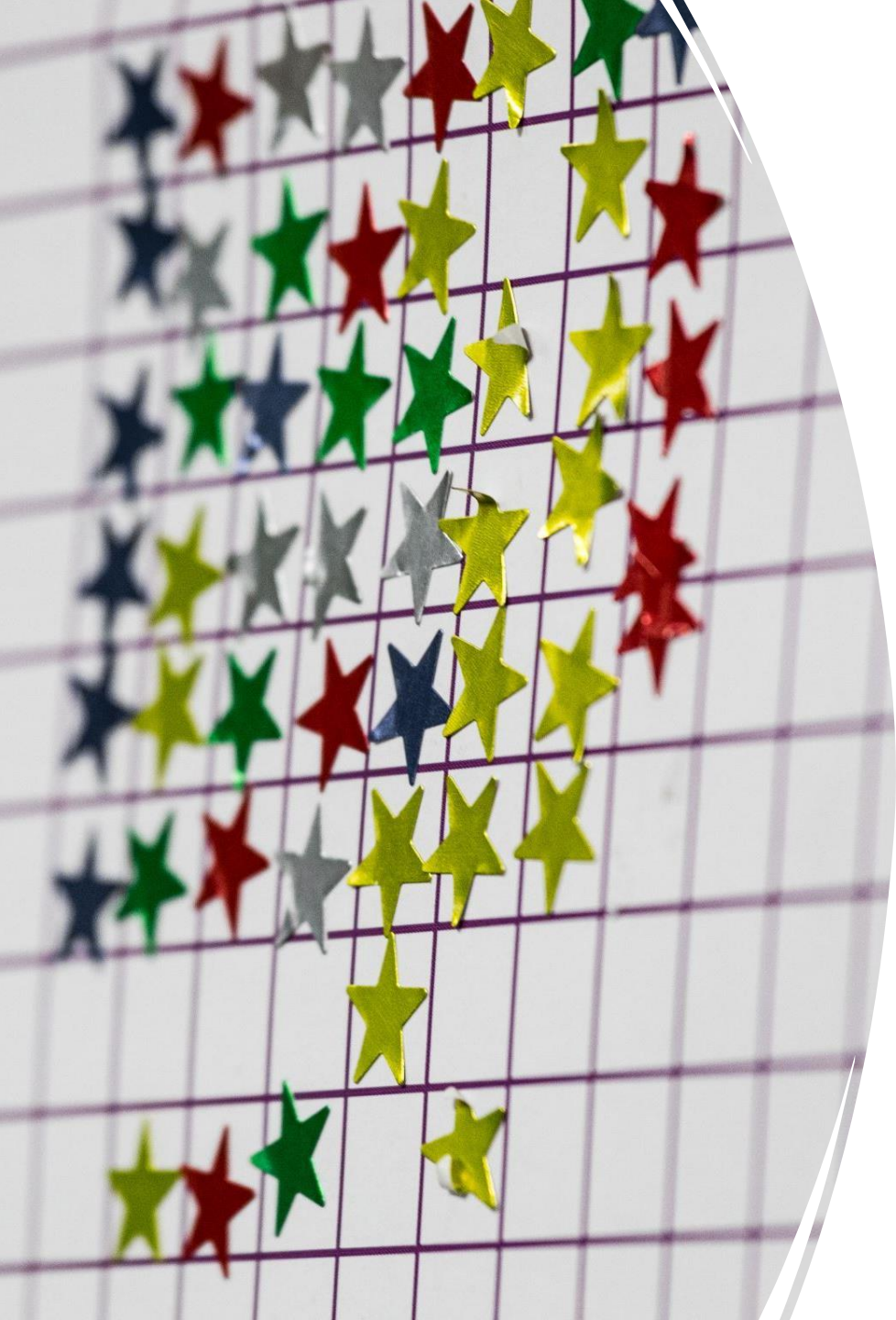
This is an on-line secure learning journal. It is used to capture moments in your child's learning and is a fantastic form of communication between home and school.

- ❖ Many parents enjoy the fact that it can be a starting point for those 'What have you done at school today?' questions, which can often result in a response of 'nothing' or 'I can't remember'!
- ❖ As registered members, parents can also upload photographs of activities children may have done at home.
- ❖ Alongside school emails, it is also the main way for us to send the Nursery class reminders and parent information (via memos)

Communication with parents and carers

- Tapestry
- Thameside in Touch
- Curriculum overviews – on Tapestry
- Parents' evenings and SEND meetings
- Open classrooms and 'Reading Cafes'
- Facebook/Twitter and our website
- **We are always happy to help!**





Rewards

- Team Thameside stickers
- Class stickers
- Tidy up medals (which stay in school)
- Headteacher Awards
- Gruffalo Reward chart

Snack and Lunches

The school aims to promote healthy eating, and good oral hygiene, by providing the children with either a piece of fruit or some vegetables along with milk or fresh water for their morning snack. We all sit together to encourage good manners and enjoy some conversation.

School dinners cost £2.50 a day for each child in nursery. To see a sample of our dinner menu, please have a look on our school website under 'Parents Information: Menus'.

There is the option to decide daily about whether or not your child has a free school meal or brings in a packed lunch from home.

If your child brings in a packed lunch from home we encourage it to be as healthy as possible. Food has a huge impact on children's concentration and energy levels so a balanced lunchbox is key! Items such as bread, rice and pasta keep them fuller for longer. Fresh pieces of fruit or carrot/cucumber batons count towards their 5 a day too!

MONDAY	Swedish Meatballs with Mash & Creamy Gravy or Quorn Swedish Meatballs with Mash & Creamy Gravy (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Shredded Carrots Choice of Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (V)
TUESDAY	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice (W6) or Mac & Cheese (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Green Beans Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve) (W6)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes & Gravy or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas Strawberry Jelly & Pears (Ve)
THURSDAY	Pasta with Bolognese Sauce (W6) or French Bread Margherita Pizza (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cucumber Sticks, Tomato Wedges Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)
FRIDAY	MSC Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce or Quorn Fishless Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

Uniform



Main uniform:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo.
- White shirt/polo/blouse
- Grey trousers (no tracksuit bottoms or leggings)
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey/Black tights
- White/Grey/Black socks
- Blue Gingham Dress (Summer Term Uniform only)
- Suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor play (School shoes are not required until Year 1)
- Wellington Boots
- Book bag
- Water Bottle

Thameside uniform with the school logo can be purchased from the uniform shop, Trutex in Didcot.

Preparing for Nursery

Here are some suggestions that can help you to prepare your child for school and nursery.

- Read lots of stories! Talk to them about what is happening in the story, ask them to tell you what they think is going to happen in the end, ask them their favourite part.
- Encourage their independence by getting them to put on shoes, coats, use a knife and fork by themselves.
- Get them to practise recognising their name.
- Get into a good sleep routine as children get very tired when they start nursery, so going to bed at an appropriate time the day before nursery is very important.
- Talk – ask your child about what they are looking forward to about school, talk about things you have done and ask them what they would like to do tomorrow. This helps children to reflect on events and make short term plans.
- Each child will need: -A named water bottle, A spare change of clothes, a sun hat, sun cream, wellies and if needed wipes and nappies.

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We hope you are as excited as us about starting at Thameside. We are here to make sure that the transition into Nursery goes as smoothly as possible, so if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to seeing you in September; we can't wait for you to join our Thameside family!



This PowerPoint can also be found on our website!



Nursery Activities

