Whittaker Moss Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026



Once Upon a Time

This project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales including Cinderella, Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

By Cornerstones

In the Once Upon a Time project, your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of stories. They will listen to a range of traditional tales and have the chance to act out the stories in their play. They will also listen to alternative contemporary stories to see different viewpoints from the characters. They will use the stories to think about how life has changed from when the stories were written. They will also make up their own stories and make masks, props and puppets to act out their stories.

Supporting your child at home

- Read traditional stories and fairy tales to your child.
- Visit your local library and choose picture books to share.
- Talk about the characters in stories and whether they like or dislike them.
- Talk about how the characters in stories behave and what they could do differently.
- Share and discuss the Did you know? resource.

Maths	Number; Numerical patterns
PD	Gross motor skills; Fine motor skills
PSED	Self-regulation; Managing self; Building relationships
World	Past and present; The natural world
Exp A&D	Creating with materials; Being imaginative and expressive
CL	Listening, attention and understanding; Speaking
Literacy	Comprehension; Word reading; Writing
Memorable experience	Fairy tale magic
Innovate challenge	A story for the king

Messages

Morning Activities

Every morning (**from 8:45am—9am).** Parents/carers are welcome to join their child/children in Nursery to help them settle in and enjoy different activities with them in the classroom. This is also a great opportunity to speak to the class teacher/ teaching assistant about Nursery and have a look at your child's classroom.

Donations to Nursery's extra-curricular activities

It would be very much appreciated if you could give your extra-curricular donations to the school office on a termly basis. The money will contribute towards a range of activities including baking and festival food. There is an in depth list on the letter in your nursery pack. A suggested donation would be £8.00 each term or £24.00 for the year. We would be grateful if donations could be paid on the first day of each term in September, January and April. This can be paid at the school office.

Water bottles, Bookbags and School Uniform

In Nursery the children have access to water all day. School water bottles can be bought from the school office or you can bring a water bottle from home. If you wish to buy a school book bag or uniform (optional) these can be bought from Moses and Ziggys in Rochdale.

Bookbags are very useful for sending home important letters and the children's work.

The children do not need a PE kit for nursery

Nursery Entrances & Exits

We use different entrances to drop off and pick up at nursery. Please see the times below.

Nursery Entrance- drop off -Morning drop off is at 8:45am through the main nursery door only which is next to the ball park at the front of school.

School Main Entrance- Morning pick up at 11:45am, Lunch time drop off at12:45pm for the afternoon session and afternoon pick up at 2:45pm (depending on your child's hours).

The school main entrance is also used to drop off and pick up for dragons den (our before and after school club). The door to dragons den is located to the left inside the main entrance.

Nursery Exit- pick up -At 3:45pm the children leave nursery from the conservatory door at the back of nursery. Access to this is through the nursery outdoor area. See Tapestry.

Nursery Rewards

Every week we celebrate the children's work and achievements during our 'Celebration time'. Children's photos will be displayed on the proud wall if they win a certificate and we will choose class helpers every day to help us around the classroom. Children receive certificates for Star of the Week (whole school reward) and for being the Dojo winner (whole school reward). The staff at lunch time also choose a lunchtime superstar for the week. We also have a treasure tin of prizes at nursery which the children can choose from as part of their rewards.

as we have physical development embedded throughout our curriculum so we develop these skills daily. We do have a hall slot for P.E but the children can just take part in their uniforms. You may wish to buy a P.E bag for your child's spare clothes.

Tapestry

Please log in to Tapestry to see your child learning. Please feel free to comment and 'like' on tapestry as well as share any observations from home.

We regularly share observations from home with the children in Nursery and they love explaining and recounting their experiences from home.

Meet the Staff





Dojo Points

Nursery will be joining the rest of the school and collecting dojo points throughout the week. The child who receives the most dojo points each week will receive a certificate. There are many ways to achieve dojo points including; sharing, working hard, trying your best, being a good friend, listening on the carpet, helping others and many more ways.

Spare clothes

Please can you send your child to Nursery with a bag of spare clothes, including socks, in case your child needs changing due to a toileting accident, playing in the messy play or through playing outdoors. This can be left in Nursery on your child's peg. This can be any bag including a school P.E bag if you wish.Thank you.

School Website

Have a look at our class pages on the school website to see the children learning and for resources. www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk

Birthdays

We will celebrate your child's birthday at Nursery by singing happy birthday to them whilst they wear or hold the birthday hat. They will also receive a class card.

If you wish to bring in gifts/treats for the children we ask that these be pencils/ books/ toys that we can put in the children's book bags. We are unable to give out sweets/ chocolate as we are a healthy school and we have some children with certain allergies.

If you have party invites to complete we are happy to help with these. We can write the children's names on for you if you are inviting the whole class (send in blank invites). If you are just inviting a few friends we can put the invites in bookbags for you. We are unable to give out class lists with names on due to safeguarding.