

## **Nursery Provision at Tilstock**

Nursery children are taught following a curriculum designed to support them in meeting the Early Learning Goals of the EYFS Statutory Framework. Children can attend Nursery for full-day or half-day sessions, between 8:50am and 3:00pm, Monday to Friday. After-school provision is also available in our after-school clubs.

We are able to take children from the age of 3 years old. All 3 and 4 year olds in England are entitled to 15 hours per week of free early education or childcare and some may also be entitled to an additional 15 hours of free childcare per week.

You will need to check if you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or the Childcare Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>.

If you would like further details about free childcare, or about when your child could start in our nursery, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Spicer or Miss Hamilton for further information.

### **About our Nursery**

Nursery children are taught in our Early Years classroom alongside Reception children. This means that the environment is specifically designed with age-appropriate resources and learning spaces for this age group. They have fantastic outdoor spaces including a pirate play-area, forest school and a garden, where children can continue their learning outdoors, and enhancing their physical development.

Our Nursery provision is led by a qualified Teacher and Teaching Assistants. We plan engaging teaching and learning experiences, planned through themes and topics and enhanced by the children's interests, enabling each child to achieve and make links in meaningful and real-life contexts. We recognise that each child will develop at their own pace and in their own way physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally and we are flexible to accommodate this.

In addition, we provide daily after-school clubs such as cooking sessions and gardening sessions.

Please have a look on the **Darwin Class page** to view our current topic and the wonderful work we have done.

***EYFS Curriculum (attached)***

***EYFS Policy (attached)***

### **Darwin Class Page**

Welcome to Darwin Class, the Early Years learning provision for Nursery and Reception age children.

Ms Dean, Miss Parry and Mrs Blakemore welcome you back to Darwin Class.

We hope you all had a lovely Summer with your family and friends!

### **This term we are learning:**

Our learning experiences are planned through engaging themes and topics. This ensures that learning is meaningful and that the children are able to make cross-curricular links with other subjects.

This term, our topic is 'Long, long ago' and our learning will be based around traditional tales, including the story 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Enormous Turnip'.

**Please click on the link** to view our Medium Term Plan, which outlines the learning objectives to be covered this term.

***(Autumn 2018 MTP attached)***

### **Class Timetable**

**We understand that children like routine, so in Darwin Class we follow a timetable of activities, ensuring that children have a broad and varied curriculum, whilst knowing what to expect on each day.**

Please click on the link below to view ***Darwin Class Timetable*** and our ***EYFS Daily routine***, so you can see what wonderful learning we will be doing on each day.

***(Darwin Class weekly timetable attached)***

***(Darwin Class daily routine)***

### **Managing behaviour.**

In line with the school's behaviour policy (**see below**) we have implemented a positive approach to behaviour in Darwin Class, whereby children are rewarded for positive behaviour and encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions. This is taught directly through the PSED aspect of the curriculum and through our 7 values: ***believe, learn, reflect, smile, aspire, nurture and achieve.***

Darwin Class has a rainbow behaviour chart that follows these principles. All children start the day on the rainbow. Any recognised positive behaviour, linked to our values, will mean the child moves up onto the sunshine. Any inappropriate behaviour is discussed with the child and if the behaviour continues, they will move down to the cloud. This helps to provide the children with a visual reminder of their behaviour and enables all children the opportunity to reflect on their behaviour throughout the day.

***(Behaviour Policy attached)***

### **Useful Information:**

**PE is taught ever Friday afternoon.**

Children can leave their PE kits in school and take home at the end of every half-term.

### **Water Bottles:**

Every child should have a water bottle in school. They will be emptied and refilled daily and sent home on a Friday to be washed.