

Welcome to Nursery!



When you read this we hope you will find out:

- What to expect when your child starts nursery
- How you can support your child in the nursery



Why is early years so important?



- In the first three years of a child's life the brain grows more rapidly than it ever will again.
- Children learn more in the first five years of their life than at any other time.
- This means that our role as parents and teachers is vital in ensuring that your child has a bright future ahead of them and will be successful in their adult life.

Nursery Curriculum

It is very important for your child to be able to speak and listen. When they are three years old they will be learning new words to use all the time. Please take the time to talk to your child as this is a skill that they are learning now which they will need for the rest of their lives.

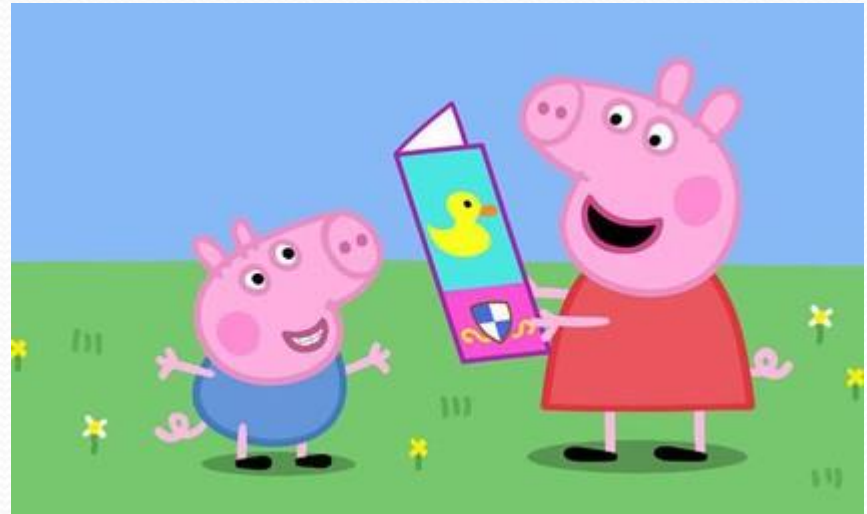


You can help your child by:
Making puppets with socks and then using them to tell stories together.



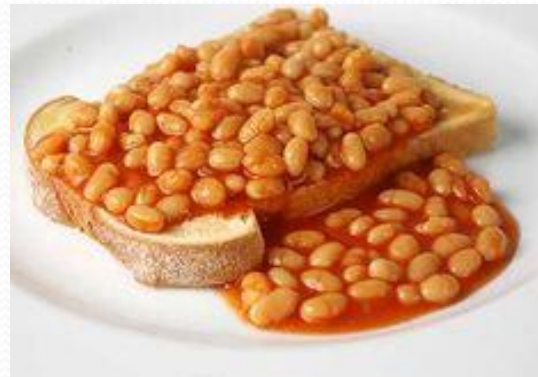
Speaking and Listening

- Make their small toy figures e.g. Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig talk to each other when they are playing.
- Make sure they use complete sentences when they are talking.



Speaking and Listening

Spend time making things with your child and talk about what you are doing and give them instructions to follow. e.g. Can you get the bread for me? Can you find the Baked Beans?



In the nursery

- The children will be talking to each other about what they are making and about doing the washing up.



At the hairdresser

- The children will talk to each other about how they want their hair to look and talk about their experiences at the hairdresser.



Physical Development and Health and Self Care



Let your child become confident when running.

Play ball games with your child e.g. football and catch



Encourage your child to hold a crayon and make lines on the paper



Let your child drink from a cup with no lid and learn not to spill the drink.

Let your child help to cut cheese or bananas to help you with the lunch.



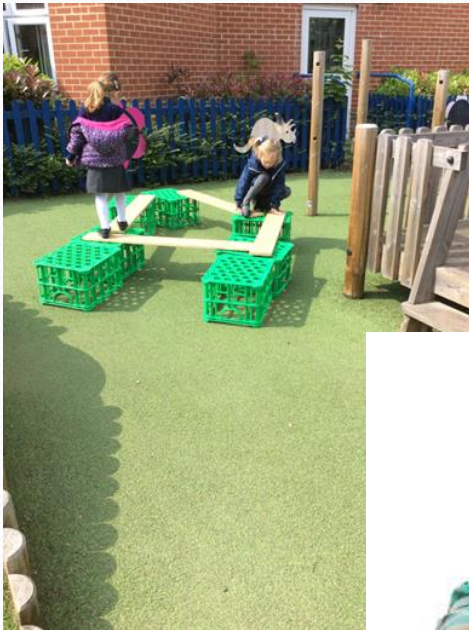
Toilet Training

- If your child is not using the toilet it is a good time to toilet train them over the summer. They should all be able to use the toilet and will feel very grown up when they are wearing pants instead of pull ups.



Physical development in the Nursery

- The children are learning to balance and to ride a bike. They are strengthening their fingers by playing with playdough.



Writing area

- In the Nursery the children have a writing area where they can go to write a list or to make a card.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

How you can help at home:

- Let your child play with friends and make different environments from sheets or cardboard boxes.
- Leave your child to play with a friend for a while.
- Let your child learn to follow a simple routine e.g. I brush my teeth and then put on my pyjamas and get into bed.



In the Nursery

The children are making a model, talking to each other and sharing ideas.



Sharing stories

- The children are talking to each other about the story.
I wonder what is happening in the story?



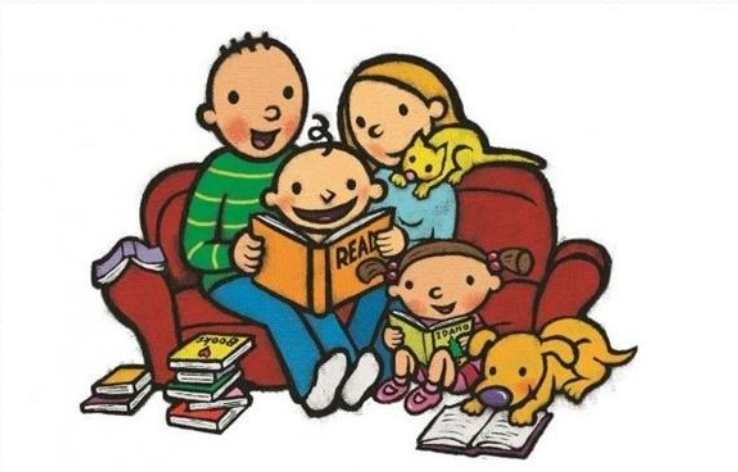
Talking about numbers

Can you count to 10?



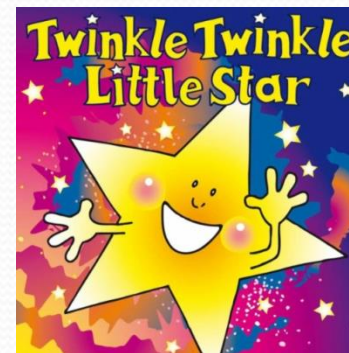
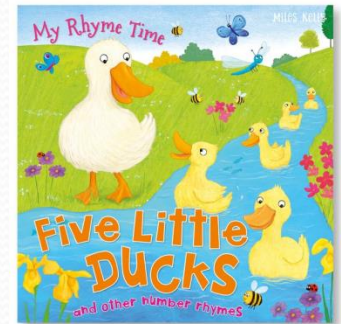
How can you help your child?

- **Talk talk talk** to your child. You can never talk too much!!
- Read books (stories, information books, newspapers, magazines, comics etc), encouraging your child to join in and talk about books



Sing and dance with your child

- Sing songs and nursery rhymes



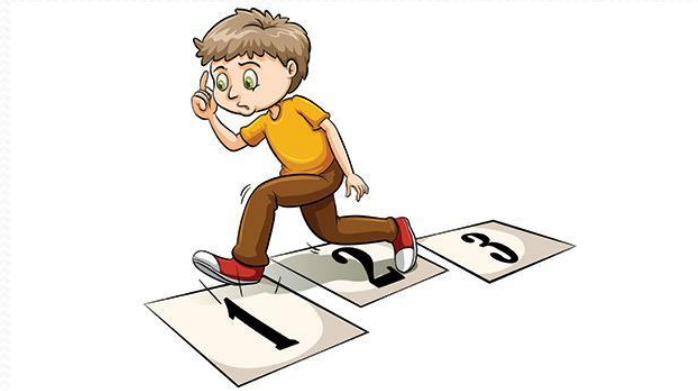
Drawing and Cutting

- Encourage them to make marks and use scissors



Ask Questions and Count

- Listen to your child talking about things they've done and answer their questions (You can ask them questions too!!)
- Count how many steps they have taken or how many spoons of rice they are going to eat.



Uniform

Please help your child to feel a part of Elmgrove by sending him/her to school in our uniform. The school colours are navy blue, light blue and grey. Sweat shirts, cardigans, fleeces and polo shirts, as well as our PE kit and book bags with the school logo can be bought from our official uniform supplier, Mapac, from their website: www.mapac.com



School uniform is:

Light blue polo shirt with the school logo

Grey (not charcoal grey) trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo

Plain grey, white or navy blue socks or tights

In the summer girls may wear a light blue and white checked dress

Shoes

Sensible black shoes should be worn to school, not trainers, boots, or open toed sandals.

PE Kit

Navy shorts

White T-shirt (plain or with the school logo)

Elastic fronted black plim-solls

Navy tracksuit (for colder weather)

Navy drawstring PE bag with the school logo



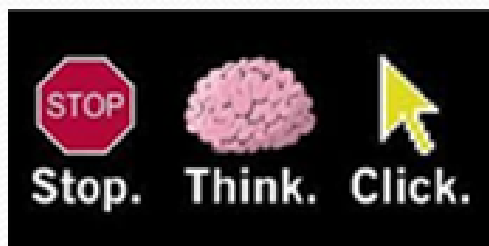
Please ensure that every item that your child wears or brings to school is clearly named.

Children should not wear jewellery to school for safety and security reasons. The only exceptions to this are items worn for religious reasons as agreed by the Headteacher, or very small stud earrings or watches.

On days when the children have Physical Education lessons no jewellery should be worn.

If your child wears a headscarf, it should be white, navy or black.

At Elmgrove we offer children the access to a computing curriculum, through a variety of resources and equipment which develops their skills and empowers them to be active, independent, confident and responsible participants in an ever changing digital world. In return, we expect all pupils to agree to be responsible users and report any misuse or worrying content to a trusted adult.



These are the rules the children agree to follow when using any digital technology:

I WILL:

- **LOOK AFTER** all ICT equipment that I use at school.
- Ask for **PERMISSION** before I use the internet.
- Always use my **OWN** username and password.
- Browse the websites I am **ALLOWED** to.
- Keep my personal information **PRIVATE**.
- Use the ICT equipment for **SCHOOL WORK** only.
- Only edit/delete my **OWN** files and not look at/change other people's files without their permission.
- **RESPECT** and be aware that some websites/social networks have age restrictions.
- **SAVE** my work on the school network.
- Check with a trusted adult before I **PRINT** anything.
- Always be **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL** with everyone online.
- **TELL** a trusted adult if I'm worried, scared or just not sure.
- Click on the **BEE** to block the screen if something upsets me.
- **LOG OFF** or **SHUT DOWN** my computer when I have finished using it.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- The school may **CHECK** my computer files and look at the internet sites I have visited.
- If I break these rules, my access to school equipment or internet can be **TAKEN AWAY** and my parents will be informed.

Preparing your child for September

- Talk about Nursery
- Ensure your child knows they are going to be starting school



Preparing your child for Nursery

- Please can you teach your child to use the toilet before September.



- Practise walking to school as we do not have anywhere to keep pushchairs.



- Practise putting on clothes e.g. coats



Home Visit

- To help prepare your child for school we would like to come and visit you at home.
- It will be your choice if you would like us to visit but we have always found that it really helps your child to settle into nursery if they have seen us in their home.
- There would be two people visiting you the class teacher Mrs Chada and an NNEB.
- We love to talk to you at home when you can feel relaxed and are able to discuss anything that might be worrying you about your child starting school.
- Mrs Campbell will be emailing you the details of your home visit later in the term.

Start Dates

- Your child will start coming to nursery for one hour on Thursday 16th September and Friday 17th September
- On Monday 20st September your child will come to Nursery for two hours until Friday 24th September.
- On Monday 27th September your child will be coming to Nursery for three hours from 8.45-11.45 if they are in the morning or 12.15 – 15.15 if they are in the afternoon.



Routines

- Attendance and punctuality are very important
- Reading folders/uniform -available at www.mapac.com
- Nursery toys stay in the Nursery
- Home toys stay at home
- There will be weeks where we ask children to bring in items from home as part of their home learning.

Collecting your child from school

- Important that we have up-to-date information
- Children can only be sent home with named carers
- If circumstances change you must let the school know

Thank you

- We are look forward to seeing you in September and hope that you will have a lovely time during the summer.

