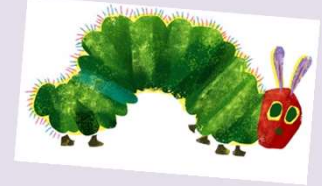


Welcome to Nursery



Nursery Sessions

Our nursery class is called 'Les Chenilles' which means the caterpillars.



The nursery teacher is Miss Keenan.

We currently have two nursery sessions:

- A morning session- 8:30-11:30am
- An afternoon session 12:00-3:00pm



In your welcome letter you will find out if your child has been allocated a morning or afternoon place.

What can you expect?

This year you can expect your child to:

- make new friends and develop their social interaction with others
- develop their independence
- start to explore early reading, writing and maths
- have fun



The Nursery Session

- When your child first comes into nursery they will be able to choose an activity they would like to do, with the support of an adult
- We will come to the carpet to say hello to our friends and take the register
- There will be a whole class 'carpet time' activity
- Independent learning time inside and outside
- Snack time with our friends
- Story time or singing
- Home time



What does your child need to bring to nursery?



- Please send your child with spare clothes in a bag
- Named water bottle (**water only please**)
- A healthy snack from home (optional if your child does not like the free school snack)
- Reading diary
- A waterproof coat and wellies for outdoor learning.



Please name everything!

What does my child need to wear to school?

In nursery school uniform is **optional**. Some parents prefer to send their child in a school jumper or cardigan as we do get messy sometimes!

If you would like to purchase via our school provider 'Birds of Dereham' please visit their website <https://www.birdsofdereham.com/shop/category/schools-queens-hill-primary-nursery-school-47/> or visit the store.

Purple school jumper or cardigan



White polo shirt



The Early Years Foundation Stage

- The Foundation Stage begins in Nursery and continues through to Reception.
- We help the children to **learn through playing, exploring and being active**. This means children will take part in a range of fun, practical activities; some of which are adult led, some guided by adults and some will be child-initiated.



- We will focus on a number and a shape each week.
- The children will have weekly music sessions led by the class teacher.
- The children will be allocated a 'key worker' within the first 3 weeks of nursery. This is an adult who will closely work with your child and complete small group activities with them.
- We will also record children's learning on Tapestry.



Keeping you up to date

- We will share your child's achievements with you through Tapestry on a weekly basis. Tapestry is an online learning journal that records all of their memories and achievements over the year! Please click the Tapestry logo for more information.
- Tapestry logins will be organised in September



Communication

- Keep up to date with what we are learning about via the school website
<http://www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk/classes/earlyyears>
- We will send out half termly newsletters. These letters will all be available via Tapestry and the school website.
- We have half termly 'Explorer Cafes'. We will contact you closer to the time regarding these.
- You can download the school app to keep up to date with key events that are taking place.



Learning at home



- We value your input and believe working in partnership with parents is key.
- Learning letters will link school learning with activities you can try at home. These will be linked to areas of the curriculum we are focusing on.
- You can also upload pictures of home learning to your child's Tapestry page for their teacher to see.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

- The nursery is part of Queen's Hill Primary school. The whole school rules are **Ready, Respectful and Safe**.
- In Nursery, we will spend the first term learning how to be ready to listen, respectful to others and being safe when playing.
- Children will take different amounts of time to adjust to these rules.



Stay and Play Sessions

You will have already received information about our stay and play session. Your child will get to meet Miss Keenan there.

On the school website, you and your child can watch a welcome video from Miss Keenan

The video will include:

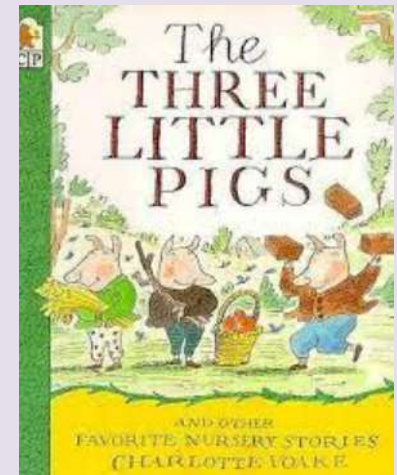
- A welcome message
- Story time with Miss Keenan

This will be available via the school website. Please visit

<https://www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk/early-years>

Getting your child ready for nursery over the summer

- Make time at home to share a story with your child
- Talk about the routine you will create with your child before school
- If your child attended the stay and play, discuss it



Top tips

- Share the welcome video with your child at home and talk to them about what they are looking forward to when they start nursery
- Please make sure that everything is named! We can help your child become more independent if their clothing, wellies, water bottles and bags are named
- Send your child to school with spare clothes, wellies and a waterproof jacket for when we get messy in the mud kitchen!
- Talk positively about nursery and the routine you will create

Any questions?

- If you have any questions about your child starting nursery with us please contact the school office via email or telephone and direct it to Mrs James EYFS Phase Leader.

Email- office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk

Telephone- 01603 746857

We look forward to your child starting nursery with us.

