



LANSBURY LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVFS HUB Nursery Autumn Term 1



SETTLING IN:

Settling into nursery is something that is individual to each family and child. Your child may settle into nursery straight away, but you must also be prepared that it may take a little longer especially if this is the first time your child has been away from you. Be strong and be prepared for tears, this will just be their way of saying they are not ready for you to go, but this will pass as they get more used to their new routine.

Communication is key: make sure you talk to your child about nursery and how fun it will be and reassure them that you will be coming to collect them at home time after they have had a great day playing with their new friends. Also, make sure that you ask any questions and talk to our experienced staff about any worries you may have. We are more than happy to talk to you.

A few things to remember to bring with you to the nursery:

- A bag with 2 sets of spare clothes (underwear & socks)
- A water bottle (with a name label)
- Weather-appropriate clothes e.g. wellies for rain and hats in the sunshine.

Note: Please make sure that any clothing that comes to the nursery is named. No food items should be included in your child's school bag.



ALLERGY NOTICE:

We are asking parents not to give nuts or nut products to their child for breakfast/lunch before they come to school. We have a student with an airborne nut allergy.

Thank you for your co-operation.

GOING TO THE TOILET:

We will be encouraging the children to use the toilet themselves.

Things that you can do at home:

Encourage your child to use the toilet by themselves including taking down clothing and pulling it back up again.





PHONICS:

We will be focusing on lots of listening skills and being able to identify and differentiate between the sounds we hear e.g.

- Sounds we hear in the environment around us
- Sounds that instruments make
- Sounds we can make with our bodies e.g. clapping, patting, clicking etc.
- Sounds we can make with our voices.

Things that you can do at home:

Point out noises you can hear to your child, ask them if they can identify it.

Ask them what noises they can hear when out and about.

Phonics activities:

Talk about sounds you like and sounds you don't like and why.

Draw some pictures of things that make sounds that you like - for example birds singing, the sea or a doorbell.

Listen to some music at home with your family. Can you all clap along to the beat?

Listen carefully to this list of words. Can you find the one that doesn't rhyme with the others? Remember to listen carefully to the sound at the end of each word: tree, bee, pin, three.



READING:

We will be reading lots of different stories together at carpet time.

Things that you can do at home:

Read with your child at home, look at the pictures and talk about what is happening in them. Can your child predict what is happening from the pictures?

Books we will be reading at the nursery:

- Brown bear, brown bear
- Owl Babies
- My hair
- Dear Zoo
- Peace at last
- Avocado baby

FINE MOTOR SKILLS:

We will be focusing a lot on strengthening the muscles in the children's hands and fingers so that using mark-making tools will be easier for them. Amongst other activities, we will be using a lot of playdough, threading and tweezer work. This will help the children get ready for a correct pencil grip and eventually writing.

Things that you can do at home:

Use playdough and encourage your child to squeeze, pinch and roll it.

Playdough Recipe You will need

8 tbsp plain flour 2 tbsp table salt 60ml warm water food colouring

1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.
4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh