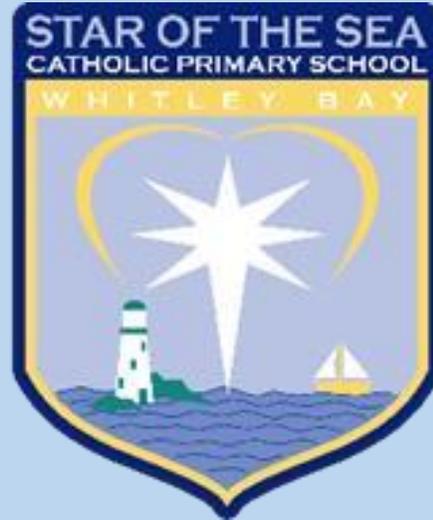


Welcome to Nursery at Star of the Sea





Nursery Staff

I am Mrs Mernin your child's nursery teacher. I have worked at Star of the Sea for 3 years now and have been teaching for about 20 years with a few gaps in between! I am mum to three boys aged 11, 9 and 7. I am a football mam so can often be found at the side of a football pitch at the weekend. I love teaching in Nursery and can't wait to meet you all!



I am Mrs Parkinson, I am a nursery nurse who has been working in Early Years education for the past 37 years. I have 2 grown up children, you can often find me walking my dog on the beach.

Mrs Parkinson will work on a Monday to Wednesday.

- Nursery hours will be 8.45- 11.45 for the morning session 12.15- 3.15 for the afternoon session.
30 hour provision will be 8.45- 3.15.
- The children will have lunch at 11.30.
- Can children staying for lunch please bring a packed lunch in a named bag and please no nuts or nut products, sweets or fizzy drinks.
- Please make sure you provide the school office with the 30 hour code accessed via the government gateway.
- If you do not wish to use all of your 30 hour entitlement then please let the school office know.

First day

- Staff will be on hand to support your child into Nursery, we do sometimes have tears but generally children settle very quickly.
- Help your child hang up their coat and put their name tag on the door.
- For pick up can adults please wait outside the cloakroom area.
- Water bottle is brought into school.
- Please bring a spare change of clothes and a pair of wellies.
- Please no toys.
- Please label all clothing and belongings

First half term

- All about helping your child to feel happy and safe.
- Provide a warm, nurturing environment.
- Build in routines gradually.
- Help children to become familiar with staff, environment, expectations.
- Lots of play and lots of fun!

Our Curriculum

- Seven areas of learning
- **Communication and language-** underpins all other areas of learning, importance of conversations with children and providing a language rich environment.
- **Personal, social and emotional development**
- **Physical** – gross and fine motor experiences
- Gross motor skills- promote core strength, self esteem, self control. Development of shoulder, elbow and wrist movements.
- Fine motor skills- hand muscles, hand eye coordination, dexterity.
- No rush to be able to hold a pencil.
- Mathematics, literacy, understanding the world, expressive arts and design
- Maths and writing- incorporated into all areas of the classroom.

- Developed our own curriculum based upon these areas- a new topic each half term but with flexibility to develop children's needs and interests.
- RE, PE and choosing a story book each week after first half term.

Nursery routine

- Collect name tag
- Play inside
- Carpet time – welcome time
- Small group work - primarily based on numeracy and literacy skills
- Play inside and out/ adult led tasks
- Milk and snack



- Story and songs

- Home time/ lunch

The afternoons will follow a similar routine.

Importance of Play

‘The gift of play is the greatest thing we can give a child’

- Play helps us to develop respect, inquisitiveness, kindness, self-control, resilience, creativity, imagination, wonder.
- We will act as facilitators of children’s play- extending, talking, thoughtfully building the individual learning needs of children.
- Importance of talk- developing conversation, hearing vocabulary- will provide building blocks for reading and writing.

- Classroom designed to develop play, imagination and creativity. Children can access a range of different resources and use in open ended ways.

Uniform

- White polo shirt, navy jumper, navy, black or grey joggers or leggings.
- Black trainers or school shoes preferably velcro.
- Same uniform for PE with trainers.



- Remember we do get messy so please no expensive clothes or coats. The outdoor area gets very muddy in the winter!



How Can You Help?

- Partners in your child's education
- Encourage independence- coat and shoes, peeling fruit.
- Using the toilet- ideally toilet trained but don't worry if not we can support your child when they are ready. Let staff know.
- Don't underestimate the power of stories, songs and rhymes and lots of talk and play!

Keeping in Touch

- Dojo app- primary way to keep in touch, photos and learning for the week, important dates, messages.
- Facebook page- Star of the Sea Primary School
- Our School Website- www.staroftheseaschool.co.uk for curriculum info and newsletters.