THE FOUNDATION STAGE

In Nursery we cover the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
The EYFS begins when a child is born and continues to the end of their Reception year in school. The EYFS is broken down into seven areas of learning:–

3 Prime Areas
- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

4 Specific Areas
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive arts and design

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 initiated by adults and others will be child-initiated. The Prime Areas of Learning are a key focus for development in Nursery, as success in these areas underpins success in the Specific Areas (which become more of a focus in Reception).

ASSESSMENT

- We create a electronic learning journey for each child throughout their time with us in Nursery. This includes photo's and written observations of their learning. Once a term your child will be a focus child for a week. During this week we shall collect a variety of observations for you to see at home. We send home these observations electronically via 'Tapestry' which sends the observations to your email account. Parents are also able to contribute to this electronic learning journal, adding in photographs and comments related to learning and achievements at home.
- Parents are invited into nursery for parent consultations once in the autumn term and once in the spring term to discuss their child's learning. At the end of the year, parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress throughout the year.
- If, at any point, you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning in nursery, you are welcome to make an appointment with our Nursery Teacher, Mrs Thomas.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

You are an important partner in your child's learning and we really value your knowledge and input. We encourage parents to be involved by:
- Continuing your child's learning journey at home, following our advice given in a weekly 'what we are learning' letter.
- Adding to your child's online learning journey.
- Sharing your skills and knowledge with the class e.g. sharing cultural events, demonstrating hobbies, telling us about your job etc.
- Helping out in nursery.

ROUTINE

Morning Session:

Time	Activity
8.45-9.10 am	Free Play inside Nursery
9.10-9.30 am	Group Time
9.30-11.15 am	Free play inside and outside
11.15-11.45 am	Story/Singing Time and end of session

Afternoon Session:

Time	Activity
12.15-12.45 pm	Free Play inside Nursery
12.45-1.10 pm	Group Time
1.10-2.45 pm	Free play inside and outside
2.45-3.15 pm	Story/Singing Time and end of session

NB P.E is taught on Fridays. Children should arrive at Nursery in their P.E kits, and will wear them for the whole session.
Library books are changed on a Wednesday.

PUNCTUALITITY AND ATTENDANCE

Please ensure that you drop off and collect your child promptly. Children arriving after 9am will be marked as late in our registers. It is important that your child attends all of their sessions to ensure that they experience a successful learning journey with us. If your child is ill or has an appointment, please inform our office staff as soon as possible.

UNIFORM

Our uniform policy has been recently updated to reflect the needs of modern learning environments. Traditional uniforms can restrict movement and limit opportunities for active play. For the next academic year we are introducing always active uniform which is practical, robust and easy to clean. We are following the guidance of the Active Uniform Alliance (https://activeuniform.org). **Families can decide whether to send their children to school wearing our traditional school uniform or to adopt the new always active uniform.**

Please refer to school uniform document – Nursery 25.

Please make sure all of your child's belonging are clearly named.

- Children are required to keep a spare set of school clothes in school in case of emergencies.
- No jewellery is to be worn (unless worn for Religious reasons).
- Long hair should be tied up at all times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- No child may leave the premises unless a parent or specified adult has come to collect them.
- All children need to have a book bag in nursery everyday to take home a chosen book and letters.

FOOD AND DRINK

- A carton of cow's milk and a fruit/vegetable snack is available free of charge every day for your child. They may also bring a named plastic water bottle each day.

If you have any queries about your child starting nursery please feel free to contact us on admin@thepinesschool.org.uk or call us on 01344 426413

If you are in receipt of any benefits, your child may also be entitled to pupil premium which gives the school extra funding to support your child. If you are unsure that this applies to you, please follow the link and enter your details. It will take less than 5mins to find out!
https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-meals/forms/apply-free-school-meals

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STAFF

Mrs K. Davies	Head Teacher
Miss N Philpotts	Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs E. Whitehouse	Key Stage 2 Phase Leader
Mrs R. Taylor	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Phase Leader
Mrs P. Thomas	Nursery Teacher
Mrs R. Hatchett	Nursery Assistant
Miss L. Ward	Nursery Assistant

NURSERY SESSION TIMES

Morning Session 8.45-11.45am
Lunch Club 11.45am-12.15pm
Afternoon Session 12.15-3.15pm

For term dates and further information about the school please visit the school website:

www.thepinesschool.org.uk