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West Hill Park Nursery

The Nursery at West Hill is situated in an attractive, self-contained building within a spacious, fenced garden.

A structured programme is designed to establish good foundations for future learning. Within the Early Learning Goals the children are introduced to a wide variety of pre-reading, pre-writing and mathematical skills, moving on as they progress to a wide variety of reading, writing and number activities. This helps to develop the children's dexterity, social behaviour, numeracy and literacy skills.

Children learn through play and constructive and creative work. We provide a happy, safe environment for the children to develop at their own rate, to ensure a solid foundation for future learning.

Planned creative work, group activities, free play and more formal learning sessions are all part of the nursery day. The children's capabilities are wide at this age, and the children benefit enormously from the one-to-one sessions with the staff.

Different topics are studied each term, for example, "People who help us" and "Animals". In connection with the topics we ask people to come and visit us and talk about their particular subject with the children.

The nursery week includes time on the computer, with software specially designed for the very young. There are cookery and gardening sessions, which the children thoroughly enjoy.

As well as enjoying our own excellent facilities, we also use the Sports Hall for PE, the heated indoor pool for swimming, the Music School for music and singing lessons and the Dining Hall for lunch.

Each morning the children come together, as a group, where they have the opportunity to discuss their news and talk about various topics. During this time the children learn to listen, and gain confidence by standing up and talking in front of the group.

Free Choice – Creative Play

At these times the children are free to choose from a wide range of activities, including painting, cutting, play dough and sand and water play. A large, fully equipped Home Corner, where the themes are changed regularly to fit in with the topics, encourages imaginative play. Books are always available for the children especially in the Quiet Room and they have a story at the end of each day.

Play Time

Weather permitting, the children play outside, either in the Nursery garden, where there is a large playhouse, sturdy climbing frame and exciting play area or if wet, the children play on the hard tennis courts. Both these areas are safely fenced and the children can be seen at all times by the supervising Staff. We also take advantage of the extensive school grounds for nature walks.

Nursery Hours

8.15am - 3.00pm Monday - Thursday

8.15am - 1.00pm Friday

The Nursery Department is open 5 mornings and five afternoons a week. Children may enrol for the morning and afternoon sessions, or have the option of doing fewer hours. The children arrive between 8.15am and 9.00am. They can be collected at 12.00 noon, or they may stay for lunch and be collected at 1.00pm. The afternoon sessions follow straight on from the morning and are from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Entry into the Nursery

Children are accepted into the Nursery, after an assessment, between the ages of 2 years 6 months and 3 years.

Children move into the Pre-Prep in the term of their 4th birthday. The work in the Pre-Prep continues to build on the foundations from the Nursery and the children spend a morning in the Pre-Prep before they move up.

Nursery Staff

The Nursery Staff are chosen for their skills and expertise in dealing with very young children and also for their ability to make small children feel welcome and secure. A safe and caring environment is a good basis for confidence building and learning.

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