



Early Years Foundation Stage

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our nursery family. We will work in partnership with you as parents to ensure your child has the very best start to their journey in education.

Learning through play

At Errington we believe that purposeful play features strongly in good nursery education. It is not a wholly unstructured activity. Through the careful observations of children's learning and interests, staff are guided in the selection of materials and equipment to ensure that, during their play, children encounter the learning experiences that suit their needs.

Play that is well planned and fun. It helps children to think, to increase their understanding and to improve their ability to use language. It allows children to be creative, to explore and investigate materials, to experiment and to draw and test their conclusions. Our curriculum is designed to ensure children are given a variety of experiences which help discover a sense of self, a sense of their community and the world around them.

We have a wonderful outdoor area where children can explore and learn. We love to get messy so please bring your wellies and waterproofs! It would be great if you have a spare pair that you are able to leave in school.

30 hours provision.

We are very pleased to offer our parents 30 hours provision. This means that on top of your child's 15 hours entitlement to nursery we offer an additional 15 hours to some of our families. This means your child can attend nursery for a full day Monday to Friday if you wish. The additional 15 hours are free to some working parents. If you think you may be entitled you can check online at [https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-](https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

childcare

If you are not entitled to the additional 15 hours you can bring your child for their morning or afternoon session and pay for any additional hours you require. If you would like to enquire about additional hours, please contact our school office for further information.

Starting Nursery

It is a very special time when your child starts nursery and we know that each child will react differently to this. We will support your child in any way they need to help them feel happy and secure in our setting. We will work with you as parents to transition your child into school in the best way for them.

There are some things you can do at home to help prepare your child for the things they will experience in school.

- Share lots of stories together. Encourage your child to tell you stories too. Make puppets and re-tell some of your favourite stories.
- Sing a song or nursery rhyme each day, why not learn a new song or rhyme?
- Practice dressing and undressing all by yourself.
- Help set the table for lunch or tea, can you problem solve? How many plates do you need? How many cups?
- Help prepare your lunch. Can you butter your bread?
- Bake together. We bake each week in nursery with our children and they develop a whole range of skills and have lots of fun too!
- Look for numbers and letters in the environment - look at number plates, road signs, buses, signs in supermarkets.
- Play with playdough. This is a great way to build strength in hands which helps prepare children for early writing.
- Count out loud together! Count the stairs, count your teddies, count your play cars.
- Play colour I spy.
- Go on a walk together and talk about the things you see and hear.