

Welcome to The Roche Nursery School

September 2023

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to you all; we are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Nursery are Mrs Luci (Head of Early Years and Nursery Manager), Mrs Tulsi and Mrs Lydia. Mrs Gabriella is our Head of Nursery Schools (Wandsworth and Keswick House). Miss Lindsey assists in Nursery too. Our dance teacher is Mrs Léa and Miss Meghan teaches gym and sport. Mrs Katie and Mr Gunther visit the Nursery each week for music lessons. All children will have forest school activities on Tuesdays with our Forest School leader, Miss Jacquie.

A red school 'puddle suit' must be worn to school on Tuesday mornings and this can be purchased at Perry uniform. Please can children also come to school on Tuesday morning wearing wellies with their shoes in a named carrier bag. Please note we are happy for children to wear P.E. kit underneath their 'puddle-suit' on Tuesday morning for practicality. Forest School starts **Tuesday 19th September**.

Please see the information chart for specifics regarding uniform each day.

Diary Dates

Below are the key dates this term

Social evening for Lower School and Nursery parents- Wednesday 13th September at 5.30pm

Our Nursery Curriculum talk and coffee morning which will take place on Tuesday 10th October (we thought it may be helpful to host the curriculum talk a few weeks into term following a 'settling in' period).

Half-term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Parent & Teacher Meetings: 6th November (online or in person, appointments will be available two weeks before)

Long Weekend: Friday 17th November – Monday 20th November

Nativity Play: Thursday 30th November at 5.00pm (Children finish school at 12.00pm)

End of Term – Wednesday 13th December (school finishes at 11.30am)

We will also be sending out a fortnightly newsletter by email. We now have a comprehensive list of emails; if you would like a different email added please let Mrs Luci know.

Start and End of the School Day

The Nursery door will be open between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. each day. After their first day at school your child should be in the nursery by 9.00 a.m. at the latest. We offer an early class at 8.30 a.m. which will be supervised by a member of the playground staff.

Pick up time for the children who attend half days is 12.00 p.m. and for children that stay for lunch it is at 3.00 p.m. We will be dismissing children from the main school gate at both 12.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. There are Nursery clubs each day and please email Mrs Gabriella if you have

not managed to sign up for club sessions yet. We also have the Friday stay and play until 1.30 p.m. Please let us know if you wish to join this.

Parent Communication

As mentioned in the start pack, we use an electronic profile (Tapestry) to observe and track each child. Once this is set up you will receive an email with instructions on how to access your child's online profile. As well as observations and photographs recorded on Tapestry your child will be given a weekly target as well as information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange an appointment which can take place before or after school.

Curriculum

Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play-based learning) and a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities. Most mornings the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups.

This term's topic is 'Marvellous Me.' An overview of the topic which describes our weekly project is uploaded onto <https://therocheschool.com/nursery-parents/>. A more detailed plan with follow up activities at home is also uploaded onto Tapestry with the free-flow planning each week.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly and we will inform you of the weekly letter sound we will be learning. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents could refrain from calling the letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound e.g. 'a' for **a**pple and 'b' for **b**all. We will discuss this in more detail as part of our Curriculum Talk.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Mrs Gabriella can be reached directly on roche.g.emery@therocheschool.com. If you wish to increase sessions or register any siblings please contact Mrs Gabriella as above.

Kind regards

Mrs Luci

Important Nursery Information for your fridge/family planner

Day	Uniform required	Any other information	Club information
Monday	School uniform		Spanish activity club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Tuesday	Sports kit with forest school puddlesuit and wellies (lots of layers for cold days).	School shoes in separate bag please. No red school bag or snack is required on this day.	1.Ballet (until 3.40p.m.) Please bring ballet outfit in separate bag. 2.Nursery activity club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Wednesday	Normal uniform for part-time children. Sports kit for children who stay in the afternoon.		Fine motor skills club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra snack.
Thursday	School uniform		Yoga club until 4p.m. Please bring an extra snack
Friday	School uniform with trainers	Half day until 12.00	Stay and play until 1.30p.m. and includes school lunch.