

GROW your learning

Welcome to Nursery



**Head Teacher:
Mrs Helen Bruce**

*“From little pips,
mighty apples
grow”*



**Early Years Lead:
Mrs Claire Carron**



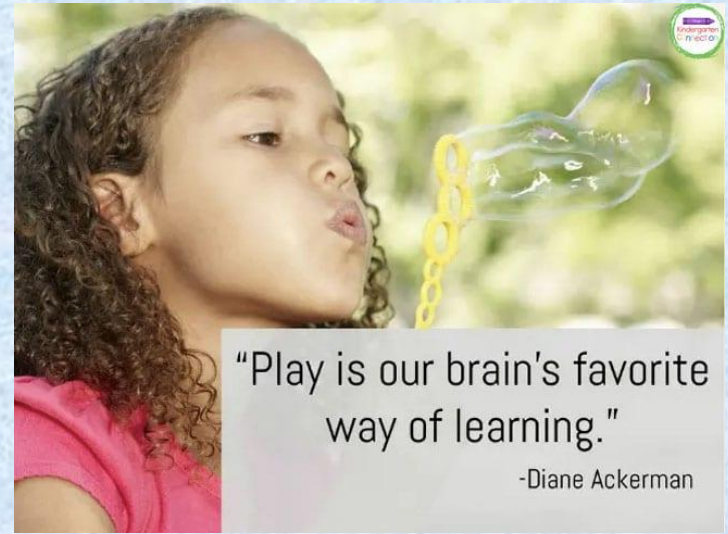
PLAY ... PLAY ... and more

PLAY!



"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity."

-Kay Redfield Jamison



"Play is our brain's favorite way of learning."

-Diane Ackerman



Play is the work of the child.

- Maria Montessori



Play is the highest form of research-
Albert Einstein



Our School Ethos





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The branches of our curriculum

I am happy and safe

Safe: Safeguarding policies and procedures- 'everyone's responsible', E-safety, Blossom code, pupil check ins, Anti-bullying, peer on peer, Thrive, CPOMs, professional services, Early Help, parents as partners
 Happy: Our Curriculum, Jigsaw, behaviour policy, Thrive, Achievement assemblies, value celebrations

I have opportunities

Opportunities for all: clubs, sports, homework club, dress up days, birthday celebrations, forest school, visits, visitors, event days, support metacognition, bespoke SEND support, pupils as leader (eco-warriors, school council, buddies, forest school leads, classroom role, pupil premium profiles, poverty proofing.

I have a voice

Pupil voice monitoring, Parent voice monitoring, Blossom code, pupils as leaders, metacognition training, Support plans, gloriously ordinary ethos, mental health check- ins, Parents as partners, Supernanny, Environments\ display, Forest School ethos, talk partners, Thrive, Jigsaw





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I am healthy

Physical: PE curriculum, Daily mile, Forest school, Competitions, outdoor learning, residential, after school club, healthy eating, Jigsaw, Walk to school, Swimming, Breakfast club, cookery club

Mental: Zones of regulation, mental health register, Thrive, Jigsaw, mindfulness, Supernanny\ my school health

Financial: World of work, careers benchmark, money skills.

I reach my potential

Individual pupil progress. Targeted feedback. Planned support. Specific, measurable interventions, Celebrate achievements: Daily feedback, class rewards, Star of the week, Value of the week, Visits, visitors, reading challenges



Meet the Nursery Team...



Nursery Teacher Mon-Wed:
Mrs Claire Carron



Nursery Teacher Thurs & Fri:
Miss Jane Tucker



Nursery Teaching Assistant:
Miss Amy Spratt



Nursery Teaching Assistant:
Mrs Michelle Copping



Nursery Curriculum

We have worked hard to develop a curriculum that is progressive, inclusive and engaging for all learners. We follow half-termly topics to ignite children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Within our topics we provide a range of well planned, exciting, stimulating and challenging activities, for high quality play, both inside and outside.



Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



The Nursery Day



- Settling time - Busy Fingers
- Register and Small Group Time
- Visual timetable to plan our day
- We choose our activities both indoors and outdoors
- Story Time
- Snack Time – milk and fruit
- To finish we have rhymes and songs
- We have a P.E. sessions outside & in the main hall (please ensure your child wears sensible shoes)

Adult Directed Activities

- Story Time
- Talk for Writing
- Foundation Phonics
- Maths
- Forest School
- Baking / Cooking
- JIGSAW PSHE Scheme
- Gardening
- Story Sacks
- Squiggle While You Wiggle



Squiggle While You Wiggle





Celebrations



- Birthdays are important events and we like to celebrate in school by singing and moving children's photographs on the birthday boards.
- We always share any special events or celebrations the children have experienced – Seesaw is perfect for sharing these with us.





Cookery



Forest School



Helpful Hints



- Clothing – they will get wet and messy! Nursery jumpers are perfect for this.
- Children should bring a named water bottle each day.
- Please name all items of clothing - jumpers, coats, shoes etc.
- Please dress your child in clothes they can manage independently, i.e. no belts, jeans, dungarees or shoes with laces.
- Please provide a pair of named wellies to keep in school.
- Sun safety – please apply sun cream on your child before they come to Nursery and remember a hat.



Monkseaton Spa

Santa's Grotto at the Rising Sun



Trips

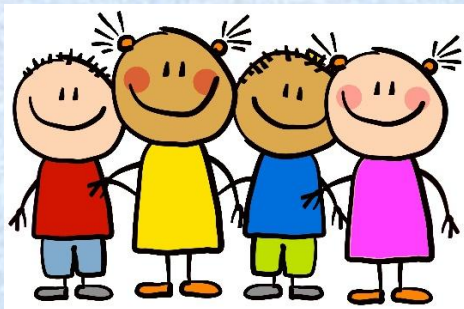


Fun Little Foodies in Monkseaton

Starting Nursery



- September start dates are staggered.
 - Children will attend for either a morning or an afternoon session (see pack for details).
 - 30 hours children will build up to a full day session by staying for a morning with lunch and then all day.
- * Some children may require a longer transition period which will be discussed with you if necessary.





Welcome to Nursery

Name: _____

You are invited to two Stay & Play Sessions with your child:

1. Nursery Forest School Stay & Play - Tuesday 4th July: _____
2. Nursery Classroom and Garden Stay & Play - Tuesday 5th September: _____

These sessions are for you and your child to meet the Nursery team and become familiar with their new classroom and environment. You will have the opportunity to chat to staff, share information or ask any questions. Come to the **Nursery gate** and please be on time.

Your child's first Nursery session will then be on:

We encourage parents to say 'goodbye' at the door and staff will then support the children to come into Nursery by themselves.

Important forms to fill in and return:

Within this pack are three essential forms to fill in and **bring with you to your July Stay and Play session:**

1. Your child's admissions forms (your child will not be able to start Nursery until you have returned this form). Please also bring your child's birth certificate for a staff member to cross reference.
2. 'Data and Local Visits' consent form.
3. Early Years Pupil Declaration forms.

Communicating with Parents - Seesaw will be the main way we communicate with parents throughout the transition period. Please ensure you have signed up - see the sheet in your pack for details. If you have any problems please email or ring the school to let us know.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Appletree Gardens!

Mrs Carron (Early Years Lead) and the Nursery Team

Nursery Times



Morning Session: 8.45am – 11.45am (doors open 11:30am)

Afternoon Session: 12.30pm – 3.30pm (doors open 3:15pm)

Extra 15 hours of free childcare (30 Hours) for those eligible:

- Those eligible will be offered an extra 3 hours of childcare per day.
- Lunchtime will be a separate session in our 'Wraparound' provision (located in Appletree Annex) and the children have access to a secure garden to play in after their lunch. Children will be collected from nursery at 11:30am and returned at 12:30pm.
- Children must bring a healthy packed lunch (no nuts, chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks please).
- **There will be a small daily charge of £4 for this session.**



Collecting Your Child

- Children are collected from the Nursery door at the end of the session.
- Please be on time.
- Staff need to be informed if a different person is collecting your child each day.
- 'Pickup Password'.
- Please introduce child minders / carers beforehand if possible.





Medical Information



- Staff can only administer medicines which have been prescribed for your child.
- If you do have prescribed medication, you must complete a 'Medication Form'. This indicates the dosage and the frequency the medicine needs to be administered. These are available from the school office.
- Please advise us of any medical information and allergies relating to your child on the school admission form.





Nursery Nativity



How can I keep in touch?

- **Main Office** - Absences and early collection messages must go to the main office.
- **Website** - Whole school information, curriculum coverage, school policies etc. year group pages.
- **Newsletter** - Whole school information and dates for your diary.
- **Parent Mail** - Reminders, for example; trips (text message and email).
- **Seesaw** - Share our learning and achievements, general messages or concerns (staff and parents).
- **Twitter** - Follow whole school events and celebrations [@Appletree_First](#) and the Nursery page [@AGFS_Nursery](#)



Seesaw



Please sign up to Seesaw Family.

It is an excellent tool for communication and it allows us to share key moments in your child's learning journey.

You will find your code in your welcome packs.

More than one family member can sign up.





How can I support my child at home?

Read together every day and sing songs and Nursery Rhymes

Talk with your child - practising two way conversations

Big Play - climb, clamber, hang

Getting dressed - practise jumpers, cardigans, coats and shoes

Opening food - fruit like bananas and satsumas, little pots in lunches

Managing the toilet

Play games - sharing, turn taking, counting

Mark making - drawing and colouring



How can I get involved as a parent/carer in Nursery?

Termly Drop In / Stay and Play Sessions:

Maths, Literacy, Forest School, Mother's / Father's Day

Assemblies:

Autumn Term - Christmas performance

Summer Term - Nursery Celebration Assembly

Trips:

We try to arrange trips across the year to enhance our learning and these are only possible with the support of parents and carers.

Appletree Childcare Provision - Out of School Club: Appletree Annex

- Breakfast Club
- After School Club
- Wraparound Care
- Holiday Club
- 2 Year Old Provision
(Little Pips)



Susanne Cross – OOSC Manager



Out of School Club





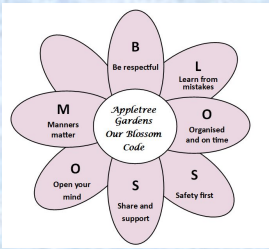
P.T.F.A.

At Appletree we have an enthusiastic and pro-active P.T.F.A. who are always looking for new members!



Are you keen to get involved?

Follow our Facebook page: 'Appletree Gardens First School PTFA' for more information.



How can we support you?

On the door - Staff are available to speak to both morning and afternoon while the doors are open.

Supernanny - We are delighted to have our own school nurse, Jane Crudace, working with us at Appletree. Jane is Supernanny, Nanny McPhee and school health all rolled into one. She is available to work with parents on strategies to support a wealth of health and wellbeing issues. Jane can also work directly with the pupils to support and identify needs with parental permission.

SENDCo - Ms Johnson is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator and leads on SEN provision at Appletree. If you would like to talk to Ms Johnson, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Early Help - Early help is there to find out what is working well in your family and to build on your family's strengths and achievements. Early help is a way of getting extra support for your family as soon as possible when things happen. For more information please see [Early Help Leaflet](#)

Thank you for joining us today.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child to ensure they settle into their new class and achieve their full potential.

