

Early Years @ Kingsmoor Academy



Sunshine Nursery

Our Early Years provision at Kingsmoor Academy now offers early education for children from 2 years of age. Our brand new Nursery class opened in September 2017 and provides a welcoming, safe and friendly atmosphere for children to begin their learning journey.

We believe that children are naturally curious about the world around them. Our nursery is a place where children have the opportunity to follow their own interests and explore their surroundings. We provide exciting and engaging indoor and outdoor provision, and our staff observe children closely and help to scaffold their learning through questioning and challenges across all of the Early Years Areas of Learning.

Sunshine Nursery @ Kingsmoor aims to support children in their learning and personal development to ensure a smooth transition into Reception.

We offer 2 sessions:

Morning session (Sun class) for 3-4 year olds: 8.30am – 11.30am

Afternoon session (Moon class) for 2-3 year olds: 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Please contact the school office if you wish to receive further information about funding for a Nursery place, or for an application form.

Starting School in Reception

At Kingsmoor we pride ourselves on getting to know our pupils and their families really well in order to ensure we cater for each child's individual learning needs.

Before starting school families are offered home visits and will be invited into school for Stay and Play sessions. We do this to allow children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and with the staff that will be involved in their learning.

Reception

In Reception children will be given opportunities to engage in child initiated and adult led activities, through our stimulating and indoor and outdoor provision. Our aim is to always deliver an exciting and create curriculum across all of the following Early Years Areas of Learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Mathematics

In Reception all children will take part in maths lessons and teacher guided tasks to develop their understanding and skills in Shape Space and Measure and Number. Our staff are also very skilled at providing interesting and challenging maths activity stations for children to attempt independently during their child initiated exploration time.

Ways you can support your child's mathematical development at home:

- Pointing out and identifying numbers in the environment
- Singing number songs and rhymes regularly

- Counting objects when you are out and about and at home
- Asking your child questions such as *'How many apples do we have left in the bowl?'*
- Naming shapes you can see around you
- Talking about the size and shape of everyday items – *'Which tree is the tallest?'*
- Encourage your child to child to represent numbers in different ways (*on their fingers/on paper/with objects*)

Learning to Read and Write

All children in Reception take part in daily Phonics sessions and small group Phonics activities based on the Letters and Sounds Programme. Our teaching of Phonics supports children in the early stages of reading and writing, and prepares them well for Key Stage 1.

Sessions are carefully planned and delivered to meet the different learning requirements of the children, and in this way children make good progress throughout the year.

Ways you can support your child's reading and writing development at home:

- Reading together
- Make sure your child sees you reading.
- Read to your child. Show you like the book. Bring stories to life by using loud/soft/scary voices.
- Spread books around your house for your child to read.
- Let your child choose what they would like to read – books, comics, catalogues.
- Read favourite books over and over again. Enjoy!
- Make sure your child sees you writing.
- Make words together using magnetic letters.
- Make up a story together about one of their toys (*You write for them, repeating the sentences as you write. When complete they can draw pictures to go with it*).

Educational Visits

At Kingsmoor we believe that children learn best through first hand and real life experiences. During the course of the school year we arrange a number of school trips, and workshops in school that are linked to the current class themes. These opportunities are extremely valuable to the learning of all the children, and are always great fun!

Our main aim in the Early Years @ Kingsmoor is to make learning enjoyable and engaging for all!