

Little Learners Beach School at St Bees

What is it all about?

A Beach School for children age 3-5yrs based at the Adams ground in St.Bees (the football ground down towards the beach). We will follow our ethos of outdoor learning which we consider a very important part of our curriculum. We will be taking the children onto the beach and in the enclosed garden area, accessing learning and development through play. We will help equip our children with the skills they will need for life after nursery. We promote individuality and decision making alongside taking risks and managing feelings and behaviour.



We follow the same government guidance as other nurseries with the added benefit of being outside for a significant part of the day. We know from research that children learn better when outside.

We have the beach on our doorstep so will be utilising this and spending time exploring and learning. We also have a lovely indoor space at Adams ground that will be set up to have continuous provision (familiar resources providing opportunities for the children to learn). Inside we will have sole use of the facilities including toilets, cloak room, kitchen and a lovely large room where we will have all the resources and activities needed to provide learning through play, it will look and feel like a nursery room. We intend to provide this from 9am to 3pm daily.



What will the children's day look like?

Children can be dropped off at Egremont nursery anytime from 7.30-8.30am. We will then take children on our own mini bus to St bees at 8.30am.. However, children can also be dropped off directly at the St Bees site for 9am. Adams Ground has it's own car park allowing you to drop off easily. At around 9am we will get our waterproofs and wellies on and head onto the beach (we have purchased brand new sets of waterproofs for our beach school, parents will just need to provide wellies and layers for the weather). We will take a beach cart full of resources to help us on our adventure that morning. We will follow children's lead in where we will explore that day and what we do, whilst ensuring children are learning through play

with lots of working together with our friends.

We will head back to Adams Ground for lunch at 12pm. This will allow us to go to eat our lunch inside (or outside if we choose to!). We will obviously consider the weather conditions and our children on the day. During the afternoon at St.Bees we plan on observing and using things we have found that morning. We envisage the children wanting to explore their findings, so we will have lots of resource books and items to look at and explore as well as our usual nursery activities.

Anyone getting collected at 12 will then go home, you can also collect anytime over the afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. Children with us after 3pm will be transported back to Egremont.

Why did we set up a beach school?

We are proud to have been able to provide a very outdoors education for our children. We want to continue this and expand on what we have on our doorstep. How amazing is a child's reaction when they know they are going to the beach. With us they will have an opportunity to explore the beach everyday and participate in lots of fun learning activities along the way.

What age will this be for?

Initially we plan on taking children who will be going to school the following September. So will already be 3 or 4 years old. As children in our Egremont nursery turn 3years we hope to start including them too.

Why choose us?

If covid has taught us anything it is the benefit of getting outdoors. We have always had this ethos and want our young children to benefit from this type of learning for their nursery experience. We pride ourselves in being one of the most outdoor nurseries in the area, getting outside whatever the weather.

We have a smaller ratio of adults to children than in a school nursery, so can offer much more dedicated support to help all children progress. We will have a maximum of 8 children per adult, where many school nurseries have 13 to one adult. We are very flexible with our funding, meaning a parent that works the full year is able to use their child's funded hours all year round too, helping in the school holidays.



We are outdoors, children love being outdoors. We put on suitable clothing for the weather and go outside and why not? The weather should not be a barrier. We follow the same government guidelines as any other nursery or preschool and get inspected by OFSTED too.

When are we open?

From September 7th 2022 we will be open at the Adams ground from 9am-3pm and can be dropped off and picked up here. If any children require earlier or later they can be dropped off/picked up at our Egremont nursery. We will be open all year around, not just term time

Funded Education We accept the Government grant for 15/30hours per week and we are very flexible in how children use these hours. You can spread your hours the whole year rather than term time only. This will mean you don't have to pay extra for your child to come in over the school holidays. We are flexible with how you use these hours too. If you require earlier or later at the Egremont base then you can use your hours here too.

How will we ensure children are ready for school upon leaving our nursery?

The EYFS years MUST offer a play based curriculum, building on skills and development to enable children to progress further when they get to school.

We also do lots of other activities through play, lots of numbers and mathematical language. We introduce phonics phase 1, through lots of play and exploration. All these preparation are done through quality interactions, exploration and play with the children.

How do we know it works?

We have always been a very outdoor nursery and take benefit of getting outdoors at every opportunity. We have had many children progress onto school who have been praised for being such independent, considerate, thinkers and planners of the future.



Please contact us for further information and to sign up your child, places are very limited
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