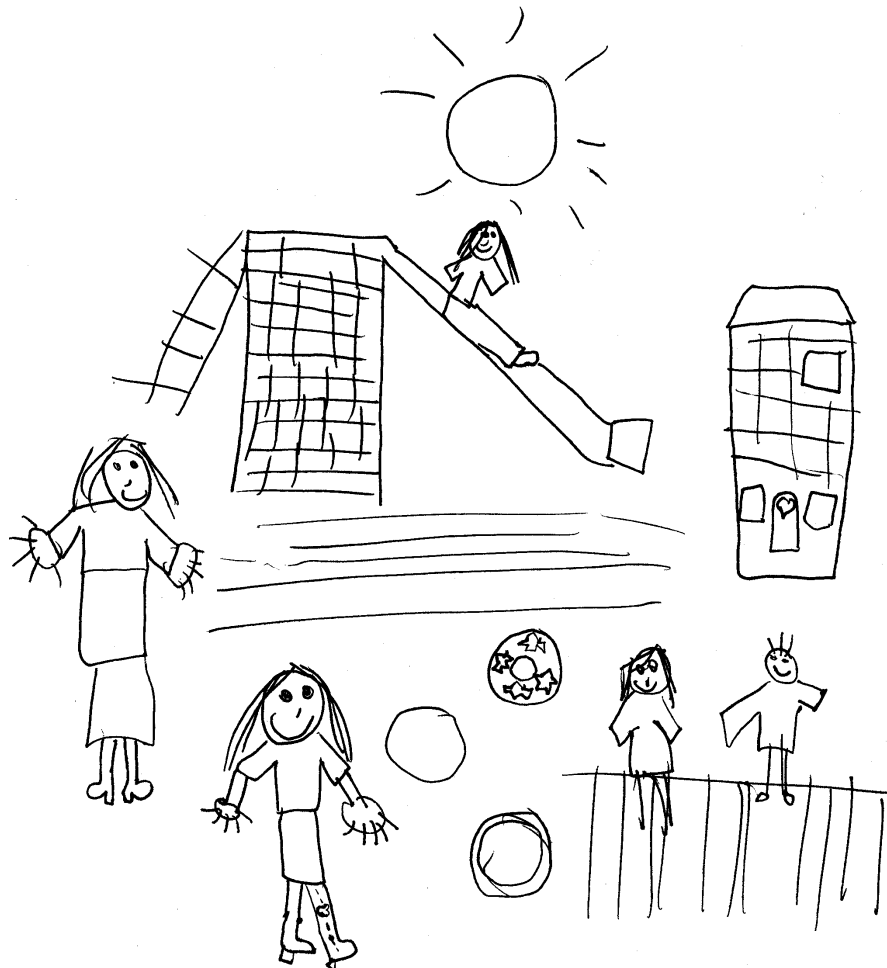


# Battle Primary School Nursery Class



Cranbury Road  
Reading  
RG30 2TD

Telephone  
937 5421 (school office)

# The Staff

## Nursery Staff

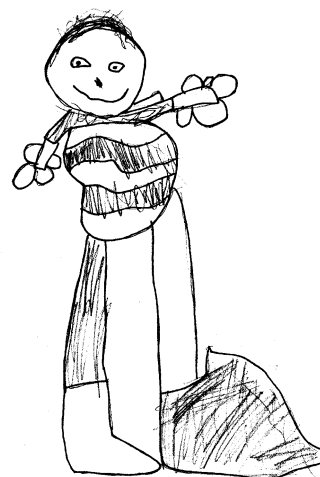
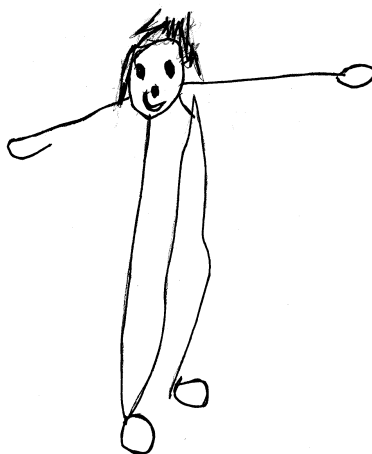
Mrs. J. Aslett - Nursery Teacher (yellow group)

Mrs. E. Brewerton - Nursery nurse (blue group)

Mrs. H. Woodward - Nursery nurse (red group)

Mrs G. Pawklik - Nursery assistant

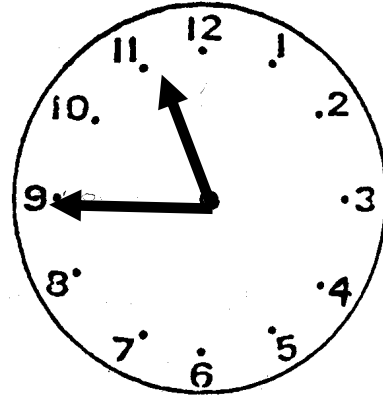
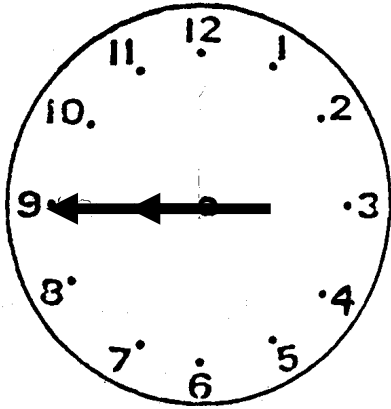
Headteacher - Mrs S. Parish



# Session Times

## Morning Nursery

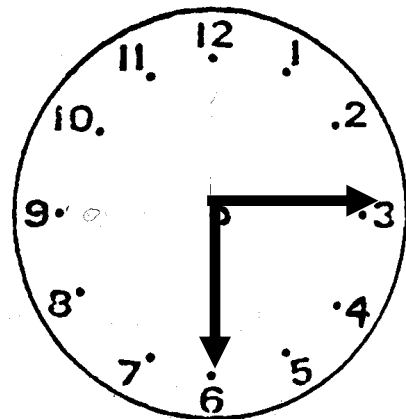
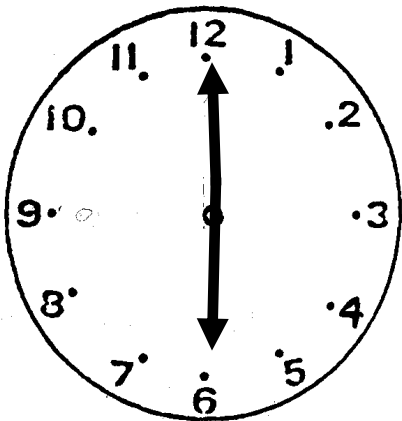
8.45 - 11.45 a.m.



## Afternoon Nursery

12.30 - 3.30

p.m.

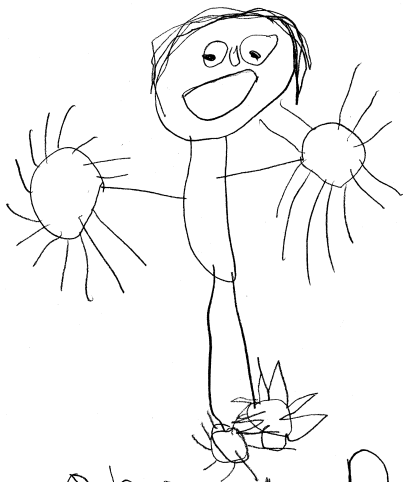


It is *very* important that your child arrives on time as our group times take place at the beginning of the session. Please also ensure that you arrive promptly to collect your child at the end of the session.

# The Start and End of each Session

Please wait under the covered area until the door is opened at the beginning and end of each session.

For health and safety reasons, the children should not play on Nursery equipment or with Nursery toys in the garden before or after the session.



You will be invited in to help your child to put their belongings on their peg and to see them to the large carpet area for registration. At the end of the session your child needs to remain on the carpet until their name has been called by a member of staff. Please check your child's home box in the art area for their "works of art".

To avoid causing distress to your child please bring and collect them on time. We would like to be informed if someone else is collecting them.

## Attendance

We expect regular attendance unless there is a valid reason such as illness.

Please give us reasons for absences either in writing, verbally or by telephoning the school office - 0118 937 5421

If you intend to take your child out of Nursery for a holiday, please ask staff for a school leave of absence request form, which needs to be completed and returned at least a week before you leave.

## Health and Safety

If your child has been sick, please keep them at home for **48 hours** before returning them to Nursery.

If your child is hurt at Nursery (for example falls over in the playground), you will be informed by staff and given a copy of our accident report.

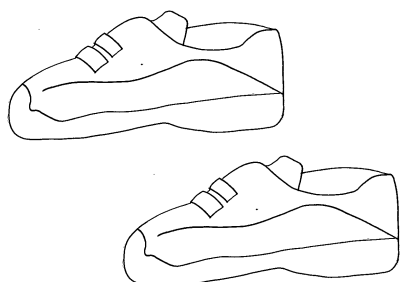


## Clothing

Your child needs to come to Nursery in clothes that are easy for them to manage. Help them to be more independent by making sure they do not wear clothes with button cuffs, dungarees or belts. It is safer if skirts aren't too long.. It's advisable not to send your child in their best clothes.

Please name your child's coat and if possible hats and gloves.

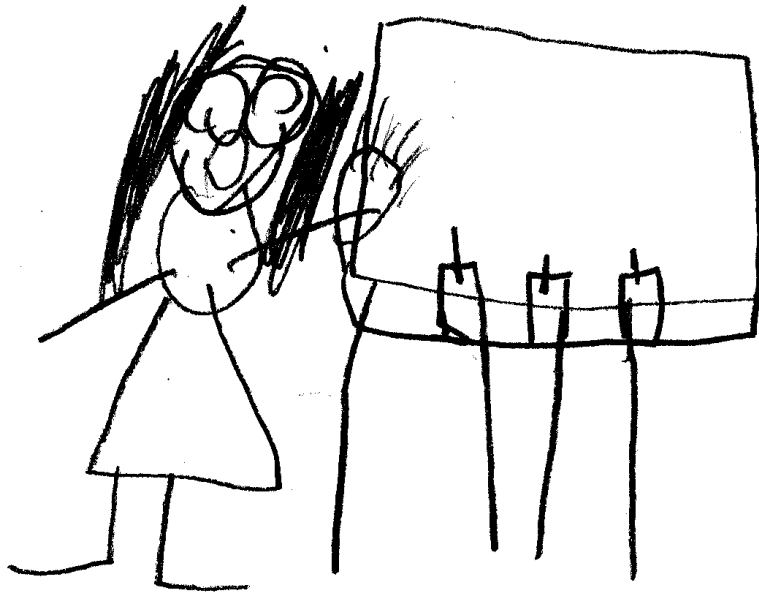
Remember that the children go outdoors almost every day and in all weathers so please bring a coat and suitable shoes or boots.



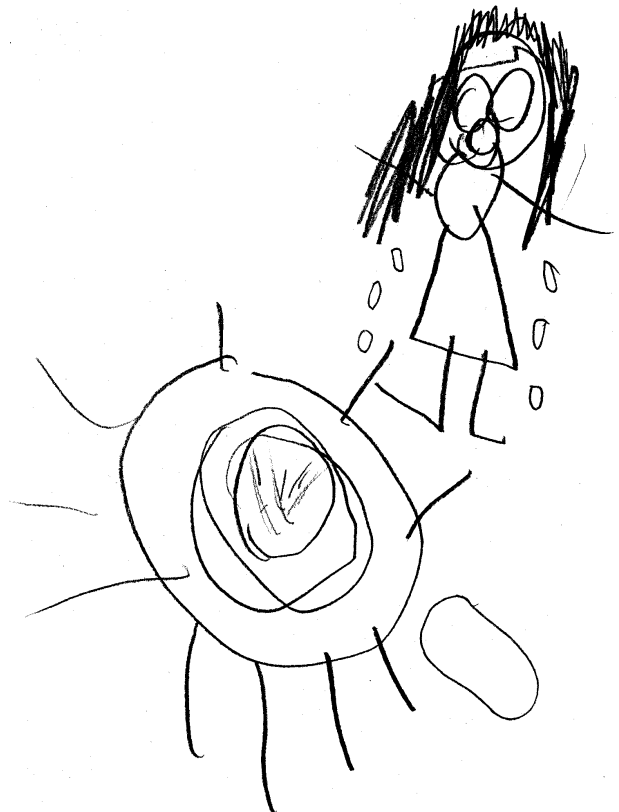
Please try to choose shoes that your child can attempt to manage on their own, for example shoes with velcro fastenings.

Sometimes we get messy .....

Painting at the easel



.....or wet



Playing with water

# The Curriculum

At Battle Nursery our curriculum is based on learning through play. Children learn best when the activities are fun. Our curriculum offers a mix of individual, small group and whole class activities. Sometimes the children select activities for themselves and at other times the activity is led by an adult. The children's progress is assessed through observations by staff and recorded on record sheets that show their skills and achievements in each curriculum area.

All Nursery children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which is divided into six areas of learning. Each area has a number of goals for the children to work towards. The areas of learning are:

## 1. Personal and Social Development

Learning self-help skills; dressing themselves; sharing; taking turns; learning right from wrong; forming relationships with other children and adults; being aware of their own culture and that of others.

## 2. Language and Literacy

Listening and responding to stories, songs and rhymes; learning to speak confidently to describe events that

happen at home and Nursery; learning to ask and answer questions; learning how to use and enjoy books; learning letter sounds through the "Jolly Phonics" Scheme; learning to develop their own early writing skills.

### 3. Mathematical Development

Learning to count and recognise numbers; learning about shape and size in practical contexts; learning how to create simple patterns; learning ways of solving practical problems.

### 4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Learning about their environment; talking about past and present events in their own lives; finding out about how things happen and how they work; using the computers and other technology within the Nursery.

### 5. Creative Development

Drawing; experimenting with paint; sticking; modelling; using collage; learning about colour; singing; music; dance and imaginative play.

### 6. Physical Development

Fine motor - holding and using a pencil, pen, paintbrush; cutting, threading, managing fastenings.

Gross motor - climbing, balancing, jumping, skipping, hopping, ball skills, pedalling, running; learning about the importance of exercise.

Each term we centre our activities around a topic or theme. Details of our topic and planned activities are on the Parent's Notice Board.

## Voluntary Contribution

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.00p a week. This goes towards cooking, sewing, birthday presents, biscuits, fruit and extra resources for the Nursery. The tin is placed on the Sand Tray just inside the big room.

## Milk/Fruit

The children have a quiet time in their colour groups each day when they have a drink of milk or water and a piece of fruit. On Fridays we share biscuits or other snacks. Please let us know if your child doesn't drink milk or if they have any food allergies.



## Birthdays

We celebrate each child's birthday in Nursery. Some parents like to send in sweets or biscuits for their child to share with the class. There are 30 children in a class.



## P.E.

Our P.E. day is Thursday. Half the class use the hall for P.E. whilst the other half does music. Each half term, the groups swap round.

Please check the lists on the Parent's Notice Board in the art room that show which children are doing P.E.

The children do P.E in their normal clothes, but take off shoes and socks.

## Library Books

The children change their library books on Fridays, but parents are welcome to change them more often by ticking off returned books and writing down new titles in the appropriate group colour books kept in the Nursery library area.

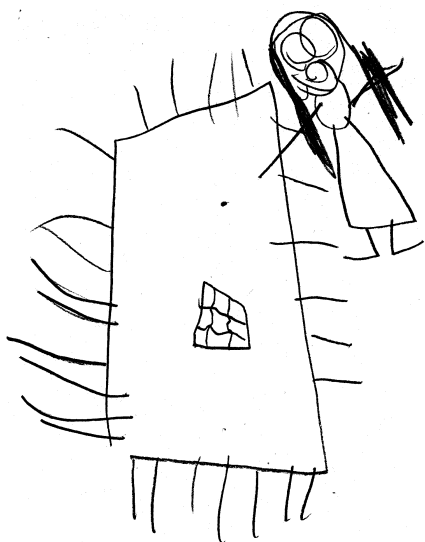
We like parents to purchase a school book bag from Nursery staff (£3.50) to protect the books.

It is not intended that the child reads the book, but rather that you enjoy the book together.

## Helping in Nursery

We appreciate any help from parents (or grandparents) in our Nursery. You are welcome to come and help in a session, once your child has settled in. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to do this.

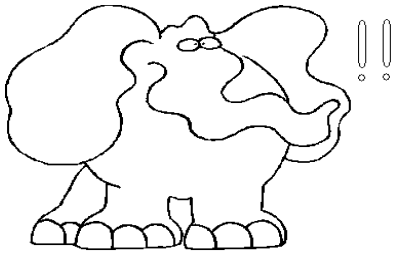
Your child will love having someone special helping at Nursery. It will make them feel important.



You can help with what ever you feel happy doing. It could be playing a game, reading a book to a child, helping with a craft activity, or just being in the classroom as an extra pair of hands.

You can be assured that your help will be appreciated and that you will have a warm welcome.

## Remember....



### Admissions

Please remember that admission to the Nursery class does not guarantee admission to the school. Application packs for school are distributed by the Reading Borough Council in the first half term of the year. Your child will begin full-time school in the September of the school year that they turn 4.

### Jewellery

For safety reasons, we do not allow jewellery; only studs for pierced ears. No loop earrings.

### Pushchairs

Please leave pushchairs under the covered area when you come into Nursery.

### Toys

Please do not encourage your child to bring toys or valuable items to Nursery as we cannot be responsible for loss or damage.

## Conclusion

We look forward to making your child's stay in Nursery a happy and valuable time.

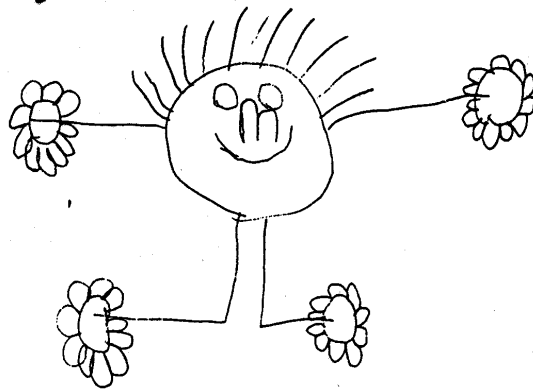
If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to ask us.



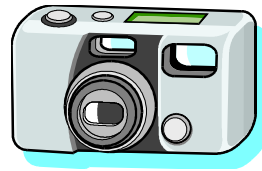
All illustrations by Nursery children.

# OUR NURSERY RULES RHYME

We never hit or push or fight .  
We never kick or snatch or bite.  
We care for all the work we do,  
We care for nursery and people too.  
We always walk in a sensible way.  
We use a small voice every day.  
When grown-ups tell us what to do.  
We do it straight away.  
We mustn't only learn this rhyme.  
We have to keep it all the time!



# Photographs



At Battle Nursery we like to take photographs of the children either as a record of their achievements or for memories of important events such as trips, Christmas productions. Many of these photographs are displayed in Nursery for parents to see.

If you are not happy about your child having their photograph taken, please speak to a member of staff.