

Nursery Provision at Ellingham Primary School

At Ellingham, we offer a wide range of options for our nursery children to suit their age and stage of development and the childcare needs of your family. Children can attend for half or full day sessions, with the option of a hot, nutritious lunch at midday.

Our nursery children work in a dedicated foundation stage room, which is set up for learning in all curriculum areas, for 3 to 5 year olds. This means children work at a level suited to them and access a tailor made curriculum, which addresses their needs exactly. We take the time



to get to know your child well and design learning that really meets their needs and interests. Children are encouraged to select their own learning and have free access to all areas of the classroom. We

encourage independence and teach children to select their own resources and tidy up when they have finished. Our learning is organised into topics, but we follow children's own interests and fascinations. We have so much fun at school and all our children settle well and enjoy their time with us.



We have access to amazing outdoor provision and all our staff are passionate about making the most of the

opportunities to learn out of doors. We have a dedicated outdoor space where children can dig in the mud, build and construct, ride bikes and tractors, engage in role play, play with water and sand and draw and paint.



This area is partly sheltered for use in bad weather, so we do not need to have indoor playtime when it is



wet.



We grow our own fruit and vegetables, and have raised ducks, chickens, pheasants, butterflies and tadpoles over the years, giving the children a hands-on experience, watching life grow and develop. Our motto is 'There is no such thing as bad weather,



only the wrong clothing.' We provide wellies and warm waterproof suits, hats and gloves for all our children and encourage them to embrace the elements and learn about the world around them.

The highlight of every week is our Forest School day when we walk across the fields to a beautiful area of dedicated woodland and engage in lots of different activities, which help us learn about the world around us and how to care for the environment. These experiences build resilience and physical strength, as well as promoting teamwork skills and challenging children to be resourceful and creative.

Most of all, we believe that children should feel safe and happy at school and we think of our school as a big family, where our children can thrive, grow and learn about life in all its fullness. Our youngest children are a valued part of our school family and take part in bigger events, such as Sports Day and our Christmas celebrations, with the rest of the school. Parents are always welcome to speak to staff about any concerns or worries and we work hard to keep you up to date with your child's progress. We would love to welcome you for a visit and let you see our unit in action.

Please contact school to come and see us. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.