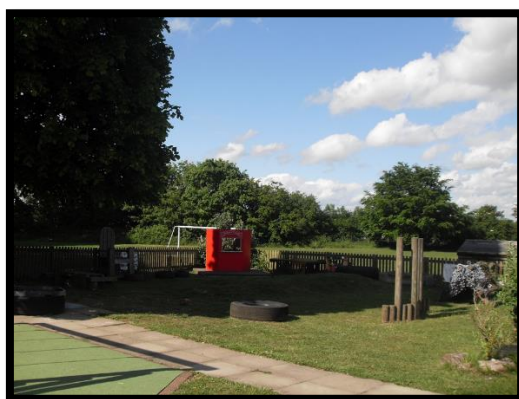


Welcome to Early Years at Killigrew Primary and Nursery School



At Killigrew Primary and Nursery School we have four key drivers which are represented in the curriculum we teach our pupils from nursery to Y6.

- Spoken Language
 - Diversity
 - Reading
 - Personal Development
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We use these drivers to prepare our pupils for life-long learning, academic success, and positive mental wellbeing from the moment they enter our school.

Communication and Language in Early Years

One of our whole School Drivers is Spoken Language. We know it is very important to teach our pupils how to communicate with their peers and adults. We support them to talk about language and ensure that they hear words spoken in many different contexts to develop their understanding.

Below are some books that link to our Early Years topics. You may wish to borrow these from your local library and talk to your child about the new words they encounter as you read them together.

Nursery:

All Around Me	Let's Celebrate	Rhyme & Rhythm	Bigger & Bigger	Splash	Building and Making
The Little Red Hen	Pumpkin Soup	Mr Wolf's Pancakes	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Sharing a Shell	The Three Little Pigs
Lulu's First Day	The Jolly Christmas Postman	Each Peach Pear Plum	Dear Zoo	The Singing Mermaid	All Kinds of Homes: a Lift-the-Flap Book
Owl Babies		Shark in the Park		Tiddler	
Peace at Last	The Snowman				
We're Going on a Bear Hunt					

Reception:

Healthy Me	Clothes We Wear	Fairy Tales	Around the World	Puddles and Rainbows	Up in the Air
The Little Red Hen	Pumpkin Soup	Charlie Cook's Favourite Book	Here We Are	The Rainbow Fish	Paper Dolls
The Enormous Turnip	The Jolly Christmas Postman	Cinderella	The World Came to My Place Today	Little Raindrop	Amelia Earhart- Little People, BIG DREAMS
Oliver's Vegetables	Day Monkey Night Monkey	Rapunzel	Giraffes Can't Dance	Elmer	Lost and Found
Oliver's Fruit Salad	Stick Man	The Elves and The Shoemaker	Above and Below	The Girl Who Loved Wellies	Up and Down
Oliver's Milkshake	Winnie and Wilbur- The Amazing Pumpkin	Hansel and Gretel		The Day The Crayons Quit	How to Catch a Star
Funny Bones				The Snail and The Whale	Zog
Owl Babies				The Singing Mermaid	Supertato
Tiddler					

Physical Development

At Killigrew we know the importance of helping children to develop their fine motor skills early. We know that these skills allow them to be independent and manage self-care. They support them to complete tasks that are part of everyday life and lead to the development of writing and drawing skills. Below are some activities that you could try at home. If you do try any out, we would love you to capture them on Tapestry as we enjoy seeing children continuing their learning in their home environment!

<p>Bottles and lids You will need a range of bottles and lids. Match the lids to the bottles before the sand timer ends. Can you put the bottles in order starting with the smallest to the biggest?</p>	<p>Egg boxes, hammers and golf tees Hammer the golf tees into the egg boxes, then see if you can balance a marble on top.</p>	<p>Sock pairs Can you turn the socks inside out and the right way around? Can you fold the socks into pairs?</p>
<p>Clothes Can you turn them the right way around? Can you do up a zip? Can you join the poppers? Can you undo and do up buttons?</p>	<p>Hungry tennis balls You will need to cut a small slit into a tennis ball Feed the hungry tennis balls. Squeeze the tennis balls and feed them with counters.</p>	<p>Play dough Can you roll it into a ball? Can you roll it into a sausage? Can you make the letters in your name?</p>
<p>Bug rescue Put some toy bugs into a tray and then tape a criss-cross pattern over the top. Can you rescue the bugs from the spider web? Use the tweezers to get them out!</p>	<p>Threading pasta Can you thread the pasta? How many pieces of pasta can you thread?</p>	<p>Sand trays Choose a word. Ask your child to 'Fred Talk' the word then ask them to write it in the sand tray. Look at the word to check.</p>

If your child is keen to run or walk then you could attend a junior parkrun and explore how keeping active is a part of our Keeping Healthy topic. Here's a handy link!

[parkrun | junior parkrun](#)

Literacy

In Early Years, our pupils begin to learn phonics to support their reading and spelling. We follow the RWI scheme of work as we know that this scheme systematically teaches our pupils the sounds they need to begin their reading journey. In Nursery, this starts with children becoming aware of the ambient sounds around them, leading into exploring a letter and sound a week. Here's a link if you would like to know more about RWI: [Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl](#)

This link explains how to 'Fred Talk' which supports decoding and re-blending sounds to make a word. We have also included some activities that you could complete at home to support your child to learn their sounds and letters:

<p>Magnetic boards</p> <p><i>You will need magnetic letters.</i></p> <p>Choose one word from the list.</p> <p>Say the word, then Fred Talk the word. Ask your child to Fred Talk the word. Make the word on your board then ask your child to make the word on their board, and then read it.</p>	<p>Tiny word hunt</p> <p><i>Write cvc words in tiny writing on some paper.</i></p> <p>Use the magnifying glasses to read the tiny words.</p>
<p>Jump on tricky words</p> <p><i>Write some tricky words in chalk on the ground, such as the, no, go, to, he, she.</i></p> <p>We can't sound out these words, we just have to learn them. Adult to call out a tricky word and then the child needs to jump on it.</p>	<p>Scrunch and read</p> <p><i>Write words on pieces of paper and scrunch them up.</i></p> <p>Choose a piece of paper. Un-scrunch the paper and Fred Talk the word. Can you write the word on a whiteboard?</p>

We teach writing from Reception using The Write Stuff scheme of work. This scheme prioritises vocabulary development and the careful systematic rehearsal of writing techniques. It uses a colourful 'Writing Rainbow' to introduce the children to different writing lenses. Here is an overview of the scheme - you could even download some free writing plans to see how the scheme is taught:

[Highly detailed schemes of work \(janeconsidine.com\)](#)

On our website you can also see the texts we use to teach writing. As well as these texts, adults share a wide range of diverse texts daily with our pupils, modelling fluency and prosody.

[Reception-Curriculum-Map-2023-2024-3.pdf](#)

On our website we have included a list of recommended reads for Nursery and Reception.

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We also advocate visiting your local library and applying for a library card. While you are there, you could talk about the types of books you enjoy. *“But Excuse Me, that is My Book”* by Lauren Child is a great book which explores a library visit and talks about the range of books available and how to choose them.

Whenever possible, we recommend linking the books that the children read to real-life experiences. For example, the story of *The Little Red Hen* would link beautifully to a local visit to Mill Green Museum in Hatfield and look at the water mill. There you could talk about how the wheat is ground into flour.

Understanding The World

At Killigrew, we know it is important to build ‘cultural capital’. This means that a child can learn about and name things, that are, for some, outside their daily lived experience. Therefore, we ensure that our pupils enjoy a variety of learning experiences through our curriculum enrichment.

Here are some experience suggestions that you might enjoy outside school (that link to our EYFS topics).

- Visit the RSPB reserve in Ware and look for different birds linked to our ‘Up in the Air’ topic.
- Visit Aldenham Country Park- explore the ‘100 Aker Wood’, and the farm, linked to our ‘Bigger and Bigger’ topic.
- Attend Oaklands College lambing weekend (usually the end of March) as this links to our ‘Bigger and Bigger’ topic.
- Visit Duxford or Hendon (especially when they have an Air Show) and learn about planes, linked to our ‘Up in the Air Topic’.
- Use the identification sheets from the Woodland Trust when you walk in your local park. Becoming more familiar with our local area links to our “About Me” and “Around the World” topic.



Our Nursery and Reception class pages also contain a wealth of information about our curriculum across the year, and other supportive resources.

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