



Little Parrots Nursery

Our 'Little Parrots Nursery' is part of our wider Early Years Foundation Stage unit along with our Reception children. We are so lucky to be able to play alongside, build relationships and learn with the Reception children, we are also able to be a smaller group within our own classroom.



Our classroom, both inside and out, is full of open-ended play opportunities with fun, engaging and challenging opportunities.

A typical day in Little Parrots:

At St. Martins, we recognise the importance of a smooth transition from home to Nursery so every morning staff will be at the door to greet you. We encourage parents to help their child to put their boots on the welly rack and choose their lunch.

All staff are on hand to support children with settling and provide comfort for any children who are finding it tricky to say goodbye. There

are also a wide range of engaging activities to help your child's transition and to enable them to feel happy, safe and settled each day.



During the day – Our day is dedicated to play!

Through open-ended, engaging continuous provision the children are free to explore both the inside and outdoors environments, following their own path of curiosity.

Developing social skills and supporting emotional wellbeing is a huge part of what we do in Nursery. In line with our school values we focus on **'being the best you can be'** and help the children to think about being kind, sharing and being a good friend to others, as well as celebrating children's achievements. Our provision focuses on the prime areas of learning so there are plenty of opportunities for children to develop their both physical, emotional and communication and language skills through activities such as climbing, exploring with playdough, arts and crafts, construction and role play activities.



During the day our highly skilled staff support children in their play, encouraging exploration, experimentation and developing communication skills by discussing the children's learning with them.



Together they enable each child to take their next steps in their learning.

Within each day the children will also have focused group times with an adult either in a small group or as part of a carpet time.

Our school places great importance on the role of vocabulary and language acquisition. We help the children to develop these skills through conversations, re-telling poems, singing rhymes and learning stories.

St. Martins Nursery also provides many opportunities for developing pre-reading and writing skills through the teaching of phonics, developing hand-eye coordination and building both gross and fine motor skills.

In Maths we look at counting and developing a secure understanding of number as well as exploring shape and measure.

Lunchtime

Our children eat lunch together in the nursery cafe. Lunch times are led by the Nursery staff, as well as a dedicated meal time assistant, who support children with eating & drinking and promote talk around the table. Your child will be able to have a school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home.



Time to say goodbye

We always end the day with stories, songs and reflections. Parents and Carers collect their children from the classroom where staff are available to talk through the day if needed.

Some key questions that you might ask:

<i>What provision do you offer?</i>	We offer morning, afternoon or full day sessions. We also offer Forest School twice a week.
<i>How do we help and support our children to settle and feel safe at St. Martins?</i>	We prioritise making successful relationships with our parents, ensuring that communication is effective. Where a child finds transition difficult we will work closely with parents/carers to ensure we do the very best to meet their child's needs.
<i>How do we ensure that our children are rested throughout the day?</i>	We adapt our provision, ensuring that there are quieter times through the day. We offer water & snacks of fresh fruit and crackers at key times during the day to ensure that children have food and water on a regular basis to build up good habits.
<i>How will I find out about my child's learning journey?</i>	We use 'Tapestry' as a platform to share and celebrate your child's steps in their learning
<i>How will I know what's happening or how my child is at Little Parrots?</i>	As a school we use 'Class Dojo' which is a communication app. This allows both school and parents to share messages and photos effectively.
<i>Where can I find out more?</i>	Have a look on our website www.stmartinscranbrook.devon.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon!