

A typical day at Whimble Pre-school



This is an example of a typical morning - timings are approximate!

- 9 Welcome, children to self register using name cards. Children settle in and choose an activity of their choice.
- 9.15 Special helper of the day rings the bell to ask everyone to gather in a circle. We sing a welcome song. We do a 5 minute 'Fun Fit' session. Special helper counts the children. News sharing, day of the week, weather etc.
- Free play - children choose activities - a planned variety each day of child led and adult led/supported. There is a choice of activities such as role play, small world play, painting, play dough, creative, sometimes baking or a maths game. If the weather is ok, then the door is open and activities are taken in the garden too.
- 10am Snack time
- Back to play
- 11 Tidy up time - all children are expected and encouraged to help tidy up the toys.
- 11 – 11.40 Outside play – more physical activities out eg. ride on toys, balls, hoops, balance beams etc.
- 11.45 Group time – singing / story / 'letters and sounds'/music
- 12 End of morning session
- 12 - 1 Lunch Club - children and staff have packed lunches together. This is a very relaxed, friendly time where lots of chatter takes place as well as good eating habits and independence encouraged.
- When children finish their lunch they can choose quiet activities eg. Puzzles, books, board games, mark making books, small construction or if weather is good we go outside for play if children want to.
- 1 Home time or start of afternoon session.

On our full days, we usually have quiet time at 1pm with a story CD so that our younger children can have a rest if needed. We often put on a 'Relax Kids' cd so children can have some quiet time to encourage mindfulness and we sometimes follow this with yoga for children.

The afternoon continues in a similar format to the morning but often a little less structured and often with more time in the garden. Sometimes we go for a walk or a visit to the park depending on the children we have in and their interests on the day. We often do small group activities such as board games or small group stories.

Extras

- We try to arrange for local police officers to visit or a dentist, nurse etc to provide children with an awareness of their profession (if you have an interesting profession or hobby that may be of interest to young children, we'd love to hear from you)
- We often go for nature walks around the village or we visit the little park if the weather is good.
- We visit the school orchard for forest school sessions in the Spring/Summer terms

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24 (*same as Whimple Primary School*)

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term – 23rd to 27th October

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday – 6th May

Half term – 27th May to 31st May

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024