

# Welcome to... Jabberwocky Children's Nursery



Jabberwocky offers children that attend our setting an extensive curriculum, built on a foundation of beautiful environments, extensive collections of curious resources and our wonderful every day continuous provision. We strive to go 'above and beyond' for the children in our care and therefore our curriculum is perfectly complemented by our impressive and exciting enhanced provision activities and opportunities.

### **Forest School**

What our Forest School arboretum offers our children represents a large portion of our nursery ethos. We are huge advocates for the benefits of children spending time outdoors surrounded by the curiosity and wonder of wildlife and the natural world. Our daily visits to our offsite forest school offer the children countless learning opportunities. It is truly a place of endless wonder, a place to take safe risks, a place to experience the beauty of nature, a place to explore, to be curious and to be free!



We are hugely privileged to be able to offer outings in our two nursery minibuses. We use the minibuses each week to visit a huge range of destinations throughout the year. Our ever-growing list of trips include national trust gardens, nearby beaches, animal farms, pumpkin patches, sunflower fields, garden centres and nature reserves.

## **Community Outings**

We are immensely proud of our connections within our community. We have made solid relationships with many local businesses and neighbours, including the local library, the weekly market vendors, the staff in the local pet shop, bakery and farm shop too. We also have a lovely on-going relationship with the local residential care home, whom we visit monthly and enjoy celebrating annual festivities like Christmas, Easter and Halloween with! There is increasing research on the benefits of young children and the elderly spending time together.

#### Farm School

The Jabberwocky Family is not limited to the staff, children and Parents/carers, we also have an extensive family of nursery pets. We have 3 hens and a cockerel that live at forest school, whom we have raised from hatching. We have Goldfish in both the Baby and Toddler rooms and in the pre-school room we have a whole family of Giant African land snails; Shelly, Sheldon, Lightening and Bolt to name just a few. Not forgetting our resident guinea pigs Gordon and Gilbert who live in their two-storey manor house in the Nursery garden. Pet care is part of our weekly provision and the children are involved in the care of all of our animals.







# Yoga Club

Yoga and mindfulness sessions complement our focus on providing a 'Hygge' environment. Each week children across the nursery are offered the chance to take part in yoga sessions, which have been proven to promote their mental well-being. We love to do yoga inside, outside, at Forest School and tranquil spots we find within the local area.

# **Gardening Club**

We have growing areas in both our onsite outdoor areas and at our offsite forest school where each year we plant and grow a delightful array of herbs, flowers and fruits/vegetables. The children are able to learn so much from being part of the entire process, watching a little seed become an entire vegetable that they can pick, cook and enjoy.

#### **Sports and Football Club**

Our External sports and football coaches come to nursery each week and provide 3 sessions of sports and football to our toddlers and preschoolers. The sessions are designed to encourage the children to move more, to be active and to develop skills of balance, hand-eye coordination, obstacle navigation, communication and more!

#### Science Club

Science club comes in all shapes and forms; balloon rockets flying across the room, fizzy exploding volcanoes, storms in a jar, you never quite know what is going to come next. The children learn so much from experiencing and exploring the excitement of cause and effect.

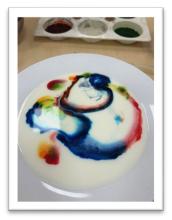
# **Cooking Club**

Our cooking club is becoming increasingly varied and we think it might almost be worthy of its own Saturday morning cookery show. Our cooking sessions are inspired by the huge variety of annual celebrations and festivities. Each week the nursery is filled with the delicious smells of what the children have cooked, baked and prepared. The children are involved in the whole process from writing the shopping lists, to collecting ingredients right through to the cleaning up.. oh and of course the taste testing!

# **Boogie Beats**

Boogie beats is a weekly session across the whole nursery. Boogie Beat is a music and movement session led by a wonderful practitioner and her friend 'Giggles the Monkey'. The children learn so much through the art of storytelling, dance, music and movement, it is definitely a firm favourite amongst the little ones!









#### **Beach School**

Last year we introduced Beach School as one of our amazing enhanced provisions. The Beach is a real natural laboratory. The children experience so many tactile sensations whilst learning to appreciate the sand, the sea and all of the natural objects that come with the Beach.

We found that the open space with pools of water, sticks, shells and seaweed sparked such curiosity with our children, they didn't need anything else.

#### **Woodwork Club**

We have a fully resourced tool bench in our pre-school and our playground, as well as tools available to use at forest school. The tools the pre-schoolers access are real working tools, the children are supported in learning the safety rules and are able to make wonderful creations using the tools available. They are learning responsibility, hand eye coordination, cause and effect and being able to take safe risks too.

# **Visitors To Nursery**

Throughout the year we have an exciting range of visitors come to the nursery and offer the children a variety of new experiences, expanding their knowledge and broadening their experience of the world. Throughout the last year we have had visits from the local Police force, the dentists, Alpacas, Lambs, Zoolab, Owls and more!

## ...And More!

Would you dare to believe that there is more? On top of all of these incredible opportunities and experiences that we offer there is still more! The Nappies, wet wipes, formula milk, suncream and all meals and snacks are included too. As well as all of this we have the chick hatching programme, the easter egg hunt, visits from the ice cream van, the graduation celebration, annual Calendar of national celebrations and the Christmas party too!

We, at Jabberwocky, are very proud of the extensive experiences that we offer and we will continue to strive to provide only the best care and opportunities for the children in our care.



P.S. Parents, carers and families we don't forget you, during the winter months we have a hot drinks trolley available to you at drop off and pick up. Treats like the ice cream van are available to you too!



