

Huttoft Nursery Daily Routine for the Pre-school children

Our routine is not 'set in stone' as we respond to the children's needs and interests.

Time	Event
8.30 am Arrival	Doors open. Mrs Denton and the nursery staff are always on hand to both welcome and support both you and your child. This is your opportunity to let your child's Key Person know of anything that might help us to ensure that your child has a happy day at nursery. If for example, Harry the hamster escaped last night we need to know! The children find their pegs, hang up their coats and bags and self-register. We encourage you to stay for a few minutes to help settle your child by supporting them in choosing from one of the activities.
8.30 to 9.30 'Choice Time'	The children are free to explore all the learning areas. We support the children's learning by playing alongside them, observing their interests and learning needs.
9.30 to 9.45 'Welcome Time'	After a long and active play we sit down together to sing our 'Welcome Time' song. Our focus is often centred upon the children's mathematical development. We find out how many children we have in our circle and each day Mrs Denton surprises us with something new eg 'What's behind the magic mat today?'
9.45 to 10.15 Dough Disco/Funky Fingers & Snack time	In small groups we have lots of fun either developing our upper body and gross motor skills working out with dough in our 'Dough Disco' or strengthening our hands, fingers and grip with one of our 'Funky Finger' activities. At snack time we learn about healthy choices, we try new foods and we practise our pouring and spreading.
10.15 to 11.45 Outdoors including large apparatus time on the field	The children are free to explore all the learning areas. We support the children's learning by playing alongside them, observing their interests and learning needs.
11.15am	Children attending a morning only session will join together for story/singing/Letters and sounds activities.
11.45 to 12.00 Letters and Sounds Phase One	In small groups the children have lots of fun learning to listen attentively and talk about what they hear, see and do. We might go on a 'Listening Walk' or have to decide which musical instrument is making a sound, we will play with rhythms and rhyme.
12.00 to 12.30 Hall time	During this time we enjoy experimenting with different ways of moving to music, we develop our individual and team skills with games and parachute play.
12.30 to 1.15 Lunch Time	The younger children join the Pre-schoolers for lunch and we sit in small groups in the main nursery room. Hot dinners are delivered to us from the school servery by Year 6 helpers. Mrs Denton sits with the children to eat lunch. We do not have lunch time supervisors; our nursery staff are on hand to support the children. Lunch time is a learning time and we encourage independence, tasting of new foods and social conversation.

1.15 pm	Children attending a short day join together to enjoy a singing/story.
1.15 to 2.15 Quiet time	Whilst the children are free to explore all the learning areas. We ensure that there is an opportunity for those children who are tired to rest or sleep.
2.15 to 2.30 Singing & story	We join together for singing and a story.
2.30	Coats and bags on and walk to the main gate.
2.45	Mrs Denton hands each child over to the parent/carer.
2.45 to 3.00	For those children staying until 4 pm we serve a light healthy snack of fruit, cracker bread with milk or water.
3.00 to 3.45	The children are free to explore all the learning areas in the conservatory area. We support the children's learning by playing alongside them, observing their interests and learning needs.
3.45	We enjoy a final story together before getting ready for our walk to the main gate.
4.00	Home time. Extended provision ie 'Helping Hands' is available in school until 5.30pm by prior arrangement.

Key points: All nappies are checked routinely at 10:30, 13:00 and 14:30 and action taken to ensure children remain comfortable throughout the day as and when necessary.