



HEATHFIELD KNOLL SCHOOL

and First Steps Day Nursery

HKS Preschool

The Preschool caters for children from 3 years of age to rising 5 and is housed in a self-contained building within the main school grounds. It has its own play area where the children can explore, investigate and have fun within a safe environment.

We understand that it is important that children feel happy and secure, which will give them the confidence to make friends and explore both indoor and outdoor learning areas. The children have regular access to our extensive grounds and on site Forest School, enabling the children to develop healthy and active lifestyles while helping them to understand and respect nature and the environment.

Well qualified, experienced staff nurture and encourage children in their learning. Staff adapt inspirational activities that meet the individual needs of each child through focus and child initiated activities, that cover all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We provide weekly PE sessions in the Sports Hall and Music with a specialist teacher.

Phase 1 Letters and sounds are embedded throughout each day in preparation for Phase 2 in Reception class. Strong links are promoted through the school; teachers from Lower, Middle and Upper School, visit weekly to share their favourite story with the children. We enjoy joining the main school for special assemblies and events. Preschool also have links with Reception class through trips, music sessions and our Christmas play. Regular visits from Mrs Griffiths, our Reception class teacher support a smooth transition into Lower School.

Preschool children also have the opportunity to experience a wide range of extra curricular activities such as ballet, yoga and football.

At HKS , we believe that every child is unique. By nurturing and developing strong partnerships with parents we ensure that each child reaches their full potential.