

Kindness

Respect

Determination

Who Are We?

- We were established in August 2020 and moved into the new building in August 2021.
- We are a stand alone nursery, with joint Headteacher with Carnegie Primary School.
- We are based in the Eastern expansion of Dunfermline within the Halbeath community.
- The nursery has four purpose build playrooms with a capacity to support 222 children.
- The children come from a range of social-economic backgrounds with 20% from SIMD 1 & 2 and 60% from SIMD 3 or above



What Makes Halbeath Unique

- We are the largest stand alone nursery in Fife.
- Our nursery is bright, modern and well resourced
- Our staff are highly motivated, passionate and work well together to achieve common goals.
- Our values underpin our ethos and culture
- We have strong partnerships with our families
- We offer regular family engagement opportunities, involving the whole family.
- The Hygge Approach, providing all with a cosy, calm and nurturing environment and staff who are fully present for all.

What Should I Expect at Halbeath Nursery?

- Our nursery should be a safe, nurturing and happy environment
- Children at Halbeath should be Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included
- Children should be both supported and challenged in their learning and development
- Children and their families should feel listened to and valued
- Achievements should be celebrated
- Children should all be able to identify a key adult who they trust
- Staff should know children very well and be responsive to their needs.

Implicit in our curriculum rationale is the ethos and life of the nursery community, the 4 capacities and the seven principles of curriculum design.

Values in Action

- Our nursery values are kindness, respect and determination
- We put our values into action by
 - Celebrating Achievements
 - Supporting children to learn through play as individuals.
 - Celebrating diversity
 - Being present for children's and their families
 - Respecting children's rights

What Improves experiences for children?

- Adults who are nurturing, caring and responsive.
- Regular communication with families
- Regular progress reviews, staff having a clear knowledge of individuals and their next steps to support development.
- Adults who are highly skilled with relevant knowledge and experiences.
- Strong partnerships with families
- High quality interactions
- Quality play spaces that promote children's independence, curiosity, imagination and creativity.
- Children leading their own learning, children's voice included during planning.



Key drivers curriculum drivers at Halbeath Nursery

- Children's Voice
- Health and Wellbeing
- Free flow play
- Prior knowledge and skills

Underpinning Pedagogy

- Curriculum for Excellence
- Realising the Ambition
- Getting it Right for Every Child
- The Hygge Approach