

Children's Pre-School Classes



For Nurseries and
Early Years Providers





Welcome to Jabberjacks

Jabberjacks is an educationally based learning and fun activity class which helps to develop physical and social skills, confidence and knowledge for pre-school children.

The concept was originally created by a Primary School Teacher and over the last ten years has developed to provide a rounded approach to learning with activities closely aligned to the four themes and associated principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We deliver sessions into Nurseries and other Early Years Providers, giving additional support to the curriculum using a unique combination of puppets, traditional music, singing and movement. These sessions are delivered against a backdrop of drama and play, which ensures all activities are both stimulating and interactive.

All our Class Leaders are CRB approved and can be included within the required supervision ratios to free up other staff during the sessions. The number of children attending the class can vary, although in our experience, to get the most out of our sessions we would suggest a minimum of 10 children.

“Jabberjacks have been coming to Fisherfield Farm Nursery for over 5 years now. The children love the sessions and run into nursery on a Thursday morning to join in. We have found Jabberjacks to be so useful as all the activities are adapted to the age group being worked with. We would recommend Jabberjacks to any nursery.”

Claire Mason (Manager), Fisherfields Nursery, Rochdale (Head Office)

The Jabberjacks Class



What can you expect?

A Jabberjacks session typically runs for 45 minutes and always include our 'Hello and Goodbye Songs' which the children learn through regular attendance. A term usually runs over ten weeks and each session follows a similar format to create familiarity through repetition, with a variety of puppets and props introduced each week to maintain the child's attention.

The activities are all hidden in the 'Jabberjacks Box' and this is opened throughout the session by singing the 'Jabberjacks' opening song and actions. The sessions are bright and colourful and include appropriated time for concentration, interaction and physical play.

Our sessions include music and song, alongside puppetry and sensory props to help children's understanding of the world and to support their creative and physical development. Every activity stimulates a child's senses and is always aimed at the appropriate level for their development of verbal and non-verbal communication, as well as problem solving, reasoning and numeracy.



In addition, we use the puppets and props as an opportunity for story telling which is a fantastic way to support a child's learning and help them to develop their own imagination.

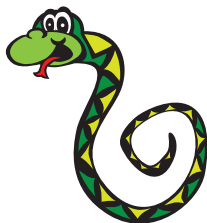
All of this is delivered against a backdrop of songs and music which creates the fun and relaxed environment all children feel at a Jabberjacks class. This structured yet friendly approach provides the opportunity for relationships to be built and friendships between children and adults to be made.

All the children have the option to wear a Jabberjacks T-shirt that gives them a sense of belonging to the group and provides anticipation of the session beginning.

"My children really enjoy the classes. They are always so excited to see what activity comes out of the Jabberjacks Treasure Box next!"

Anna-Marie Wilson, Mother of 2 year old twins

Benefits to the Child and Early Years Provider



A Unique Child

Jabberjacks develops verbal and non-verbal communication through storytelling, song and rhyme using puppets.

The physical activities we undertake with the children help them to develop their co-ordination and gross motor skills.

Our Class Leaders are trained to praise the children for effort and allow them the opportunity to demonstrate their feelings and work to their own ability.

Through role play children are encouraged to care for others and 'sharing time' is a unique opportunity for children to gain an understanding of acceptable behaviour.

Positive Relationships

At each Jabberjacks session everyone is greeted individually providing opportunity to build relationships, always starting with our 'Hello Song' promoting a positive relationship amongst the group.

Through storytelling children gain an awareness of their environment and are encouraged to bring back what they learn to the family home.

During our guided 'free play activities' Class Leaders listen to the children's ideas and encourage them to express themselves and come up with new ways of working.

The 'Treasure Box' makes the children curious about what is in inside and they are motivated to sing the 'opening song' to reveal the next exciting activity.

Enabling Environments

Our unique learning format brings another dimension for parents and nursery staff to observe and for children to 'step outside' the nursery environment, if applicable.

The flexibility of our activities allows play to take place indoors and outdoors either for the whole session or at key times within the session.

All of our activities can be developed as children progress through their personal journey, creating a natural transition for the child going on to school.

The wide range of activities we have to offer means we can enhance the nursery curriculum, where applicable, to follow on from current topics.

Learning & Development

The unique use of puppets helps children develop their knowledge of animals and the environment and also teaches them numbers, colours and shapes.

Using teddy bears children are able to learn through role-play either by telling a story or learning to care for others.

Our music bag develops a child's understanding of different musical instruments and teaches them to learn a sense of rhythm and co-ordination.

The sensory activities improve a child's physical development and the 'free play' nature of these activities encourages creativity in the child.

"I love Jabberjacks day. Jo Jo is my friend and he always makes me laugh when we play Peek-a-boo."

Thomas Underwood, age 3



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The next step...

Jabberjacks will be delighted to provide you with a free taster session, giving you the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of what is involved and at the same time discuss how best we can support you with your children's learning journey.

To arrange a visit or to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact your local Franchise Owner via our website at www.jabberjacks.co.uk/pre-school-classes

Alternatively, you can call Jackie or Verity at our Head Office on **01509 413873** who can also provide advice and arrange for your local Franchise Owner to contact you at a time to suit you.



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