

Welcome to Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Parent Information 2023



This is to:

- Familiarise yourself with a typical day in Owls class.
- Help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in EYFS and how we teach it in order to cover these requirements.
- Identify the key ways in which you can help prepare your child for starting school.



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.



Within the EYFS there are seven areas of learning. These areas are connected to one another and are **equally important to a child's development**

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication & Language
3. Physical Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts & Design

All areas will be developed both inside and outside the classroom

- Children will be able to work outside every day - please ensure they bring suitable clothing for all weather conditions.
- Sometimes play can be messy - although we try to prevent this, we ask that you are understanding as children often learn from their mistakes!



A typical day in Owls

- 8.40 - 9.05 Settling in time, free flow, self-registration, days of the week, register.
- 9.05 - 9.35 Read, Write, Inc.
- 9:35 - 11.15 Busy Learners - Access to indoor & outdoor provision
- 11.15 - 11.40 Whole class topic
- 11:40 - 11:45 Get ready for lunch.
- 11.45 - 12.55 LUNCH TIME
- 12.55 - 1.00 Afternoon register
- 1.00 - 1.15 Whole class Maths
- 1.15 - 2.35 Busy Learners
- 2.35 - 2:55 Reflection time, singing, story, assembly
- 3.00-3.10 HOME TIME



*** Snack will be available from 10.00 - 11.00 (children's own drink bottles will be accessible throughout the day)**

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children already know and can do and use this information to help us develop an individual learning programme for each child.

Each child has their own portfolio on Class Dojo. We value any contribution that you would like to add to this - you can add your own photos of things they have been up to at home via their personal portfolio. We keep evidence of their learning in Writing, Maths, Topic and in our Floor Book.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and about their progress later on in the term.

Medical Matters

- Medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement. There is a consent form available from the school office to complete.



- Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48 hours absence after the last episode.
- Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining the reason for the absence.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.

Other matters...

- **Uniform** - Every item needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- **Spare clothing** - Please ensure your child has at least one extra set of clothes to keep at school - just in case (Please include pants/socks/tights)
- **PE kit** - The children are encouraged to be active throughout their 'Busy Learner' time but will also have PE sessions after the first few weeks of settling in. We will let you know when to bring the PE kit in.



Extra info...



- **Reading & homework** - Your children will be taught the skills they need to read through daily phonics sessions. We will send home a homework sheet with a sound per day as and when we learn them. Please support us by taking the time to complete this with your child. You do NOT need to return this to school. Reading books will be sent home after the first half term.
- **Entry information** - Please help us to ensure your child's start to school is as smooth as possible by completing the entry information sheet and other documents enclosed in your packs.
- **Lunch**- Packed lunch or school dinner is fine. Please make sure you order in in advance on the Aspens website.
- **Snack** - provided by the school (fruit & milk) we also like to provide a variety of other snacks for a small contribution (Indian food for Diwali, Chinese food for New Year, toast Friday's, etc.) We will pop a message on Class Dojo about this at the beginning of the school year.

Finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please use the initial 'Settle in' time to speak with any member of the EYFS staff in the morning, or make an appointment at the office if you need to discuss something in depth - we will always do our best to help you 😊



Class Dojo is our key method of communication eg reminders, messages. You can message privately via this app too.

