

**Welcome to Reception!**



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# This document will help you...

- ▶ Help your child make the best possible start to school.
- ▶ Help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in the reception class.
- ▶ Understand how we teach in order to cover the requirements of the curriculum.
- ▶ Identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.
- ▶ Housekeeping information

# Our 3 Reception Classes



## ▶ Daffodil Class

Class Teacher - Miss Coleman  
LSA - Mrs Hardy & Miss Wood



## ▶ Buttercup Class

Class Teacher - Miss Bailey  
LSA - Miss Hudson & Miss Phillips



## ▶ Primrose Class

Class Teacher - Miss Dulwich  
LSA - Miss Dayment



# 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.

# Learning in Reception

## ▶ **Three Prime Areas of Learning**

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development

## ▶ **Four specific areas of learning and development**

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design

# The 3 characteristics of effective learning

These refer to how young children learn. They are taken into account when we plan and assess the children's activities.

- ▶ Playing and exploring
- ▶ Active learning
- ▶ Creating and thinking critically

# The first few weeks

We will spend lots of time getting to know the children and settling them into the new routines. We will complete a baseline assessment to find out what the children already know and can do.

We spend lots of our time working and talking to the children about what they are learning.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and their progress so far at parents' evening.

# A typical morning in Reception...

- ▶ 8.40am Come in, hang coat up and morning work activities
- ▶ 8.55am Register and lunch choices
- ▶ 9.15am Choosing own learning from activities inside/outside and adult focused tasks
- ▶ 10.00am Phonics
- ▶ 10.30am Snack time with fruit and milk (provided)
- ▶ 10.45am Choosing own learning from activities inside/outside and adult focused tasks
- ▶ 11.30am Maths
- ▶ 11.45am Lunchtime

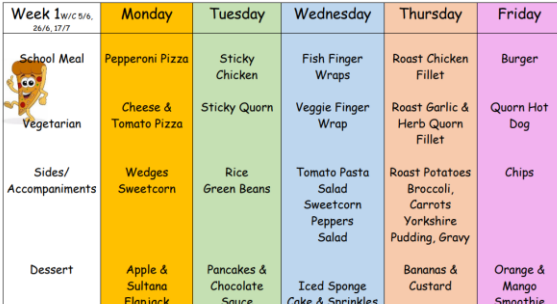
# A typical afternoon in Reception...

- ▶ 13.00 Register and teacher input
- ▶ 13.30 Choosing own learning & adult focused tasks
- ▶ 14:30 Skills time
- ▶ 14.50 Story time
- ▶ 15.00 Getting ready for home
- ▶ 15.10 Home time

# Snack and Lunchtimes

- ▶ Daily snack time with a carton of milk and choice of fruit.
- ▶ Please provide a water bottle for your child to drink throughout the day.
- ▶ If your child is having lunch at school, please help your child to look at the menu and make a choice that they will enjoy.
- ▶ Children can choose to bring in a packed lunch from home in a lunchbox.

School Menu



Week 1 (26/6, 27/7)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Meal	Pepperoni Pizza	Sticky Chicken	Fish Finger Wraps	Roast Chicken Fillet	Burger
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sticky Quorn	Veggie Finger Wrap	Roast Garlic & Herb Quorn Fillet	Quorn Hot Dog
Sides/ Accompaniments	Wedges Sweetcorn	Rice Green Beans	Tomato Pasta Salad Sweetcorn Peppers Salad	Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	Chips
Dessert	Apple & Sultana Flapjack	Pancakes & Chocolate Sauce	Iced Sponge Cake & Sprinkles	Bananas & Custard	Orange & Mango Smoothie

## PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR NUTS

Or products containing peanuts or nuts to be brought into school.



Are you entitled?

Children in KS1 / EYFS receive free school meals, regardless of household income.

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx>

- ▶ If you receive any of the benefits below, your child might qualify to receive free school meals when they enter KS2:
  - ▶ Income support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190; Pension Guarantee Credit; Employment and Support allowance, income related; Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit, with an income of £7,400 or less after tax and excluding benefits.
- ▶ You can find more information at the website above.
- ▶ You cannot apply for free school meals while your child is in KS1, but the school still receives extra funding if you are eligible. You may also receive vouchers to use for food in the school holiday if the Government continues with this scheme. **Speak to the office if you think you are eligible and they can find out.**

# What can I do to help my child?

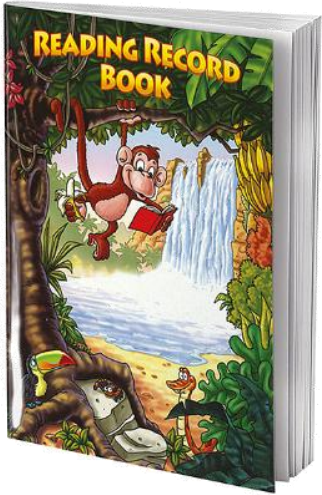
- ▶ Get children used to putting on/taking off their coat independently
- ▶ Support your child to use the toilet independently
- ▶ Let the children put on their own socks and shoes
- ▶ Support them to use a knife and fork
- ▶ Recognise their own name
- ▶ Read at home together regularly

# Tapestry



- ▶ We use Tapestry in Reception to make observations and take photos of your child to record their progress
- ▶ Parents can log on to see these and can add to them
- ▶ We may also record 'Wow' moments.
- ▶ Please look out for an email and set up your account asap!

# Reading



This is your child's reading record. Please record every time you read at home with your child.

The expectation is that you read with your child at least **3** times a week.

Your child will have a reading book that matches their phonic level and will be changed once a week on the same day.

Every child will have 3 reading sessions each week with an adult.

Please keep your child's books in their book bag and bring to school every day.

# Uniform

1. Name all uniform
2. Children should be able to take their own shoes off and put them on independently. Shoes that have Velcro or buckles will help them to do this.



**Reception learning is not always clean!  
Please be understanding!**

# What does my child need at school?

- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ A book bag
- ▶ Spare clothes
- ▶ A coat as we will be spending lots of time outside in all weathers!
- ▶ Wellington boots to leave at school
- ▶ Children do NOT need a P.E kit until after Christmas!

# Medical needs

- ▶ Please inform your child's class teacher and the school office of any medical conditions.
- ▶ Please provide copies of any care plans.
- ▶ Please bring in any asthma pumps etc your child may need with their name clearly marked and any instructions for use.
- ▶ All staff in EYFS are first aid trained and some staff have had paediatric training
- ▶ If your child bumps their head while at school we will contact you with a text message, so please make sure your details are up to date.

# And finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please do ask and we will do our best to help you 😊

