

Welcome to EYFS

Your teachers are...

EYFS Lead: Miss Delaney

Class Teachers: Mrs Stephenson / Miss Baird

Our EYFS is a play-based setting, with hands-on, child-centred learning and experiences. As well as our planned topics, we also follow children's interests and seasonal changes. We have a strong focus on supporting our children to be confident, independent learners with high well-being.

Best way/time to contact teacher

For minor issues, please feel free to see a member of EYFS staff for quick 'catch ups' when dropping off / collecting your child. We will try our best to make time available.

For longer appointments, phoning school on 01429 820280 to arrange a suitable time and date.

Curriculum

In Nursery, our learning concentrates on speaking, listening, social skills and movement, with some basic counting and sound awareness skills.

When they enter the Reception year, children will use synthetic phonics to read and write. Children will bring home sound books, letter formation work, high frequency words and reading books. This will be their, "homework" and needs to be practised frequently to best support the children's progress. Further information will be provided during a meeting for Reception parents in the Autumn term.

Our Topics

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Colour / The Creation story/ Harvest	Shiny things /Diwali and Bonfire Night/ Christmas	Traditional Tales / Chinese New Year	New Life / Mini beasts/ Easter	Our School and Village / other localities (including Homes and Houses, People who Help us, Transport)/ Buddhist stories	

Snack and Milk

All EYFS children receive free fruit and milk daily. Children can freely take their snack whenever they like during the session.

We encourage our children to try a wide range of foods. We ask for snack money of £1 per week to cover weekly activities such as cooking, planting etc. Any children attending the Friday afternoon session (including Reception), also take part in tuck shop. This is 50p per week and covers an extra selection of healthy snacks, treats and a drink.

Assessment

We assess each child throughout the year using Durham LA guidance and the statutory assessment of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile at the end of the Reception Year. We hold parental consultation evenings for Reception and less formal drop-in mornings for Nursery in order to discuss your

P.E

Our P.E days are Monday, Thursday and Friday for Reception, Tuesday and Wednesday for Nursery. Our children do not require P.E. kit at this early stage; Reception children remove their

Self-care

As we offer hands-on play and outdoor learning, your children will sometimes get dirty. Please dress them for the weather and label all clothing with their name.

If your child is unwell or has a bump / fall, staff will fill in an accident slip or contact home if more serious.

Children access the toilet independently, but “accidents” do occur. It may be helpful to send your child with a spare set of clothes.