



Welcome to EYFS

Your teachers are...

EYFS Lead: Miss Delaney

Class Teachers: Mrs Stephenson

Learning Support Assistants: Mr Prince / Miss Williams

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 confidential or more in-depth appointments, please contact the school office on 01429 820280 to arrange a suitable time and date.

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.

Curriculum

In Nursery, our learning concentrates on speaking, listening, social skills and movement, with some basic counting, mark-making 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 |
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| 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 | |

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 child's progress.

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.

Behaviour

We follow the school behaviour system. In Thornley Primary School our school motto is simple... "Work hard, be kind." We think that if we can all do this our school will be a happy and safe place. In our classroom, we have a Thornley Tree covered in stars. On each star is a face. When behaviour is good, we remain on our star on the tree and are rewarded with lots of praise, dojos for working hard and golden tickets for kindness. Teachers will give us verbal warnings in instances of poor behaviour. If poor behaviour continues, our face is removed temporarily from the tree and we discuss why this has happened. We encourage pupils to think about their own and others feelings and ways to resolve the situation in order to get their face back onto the tree.

Snack and Milk

All EYFS children receive free fruit and milk daily. Children can take their snack whenever they like during the session. We ask for a contribution 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.

P.E

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