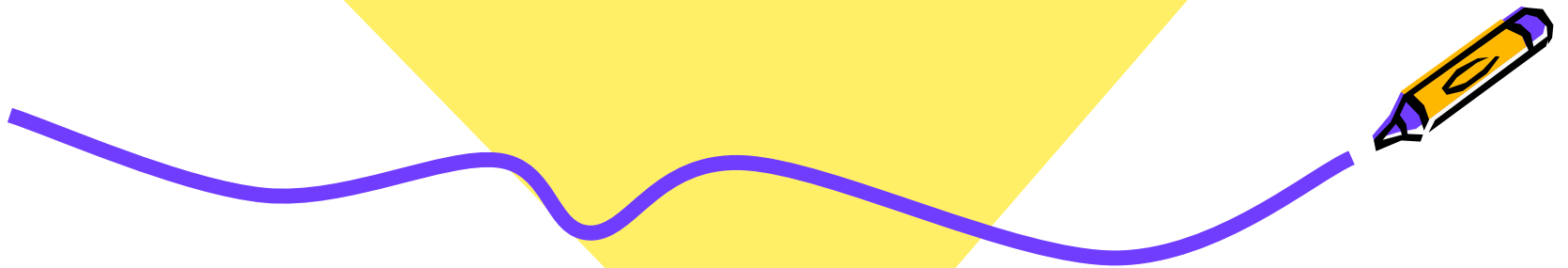


Information for new Reception parents



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

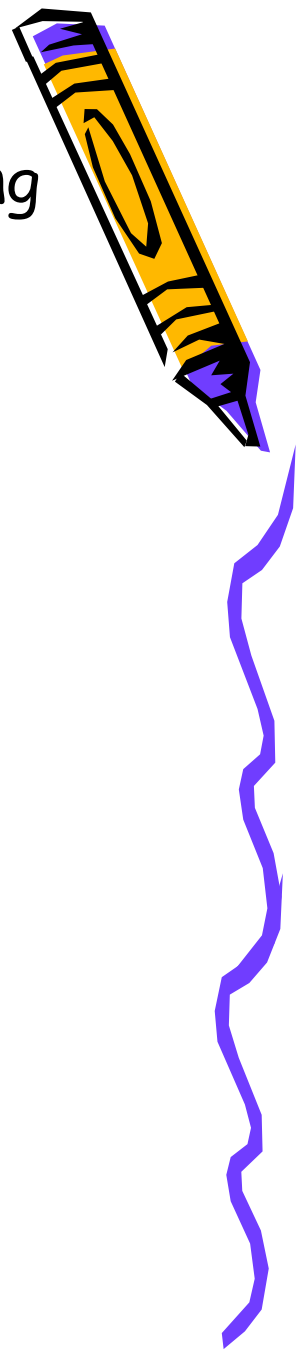
The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based upon the understanding that children learn best through play and active learning at this age.

The curriculum changed in September 2021. The areas of learning have not changed significantly although there is now a greater emphasis on staff spending more time teaching rather than evidence gathering with photos and observations.



Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**



Children will mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are:

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

1. Literacy;
2. Mathematics;
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design.



Uniform

- Please ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing, including shoes. No laces please.
- P.E is on a Thursday. Please dress your children in PE kit before they come into school.
- Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty! It is all part of the fun!
- If your child is prone to toileting accidents please provide additional underwear, trousers/skirt and socks/tights.



Reading Books

- Children will start off with a sharing book. Once they are able to recognise some letter sounds they will be given a reading book.
- You will be given a reading record to record comments in when you share/read a book with your child.
- Please do not put water bottles in with your child's reading book. They often leak!

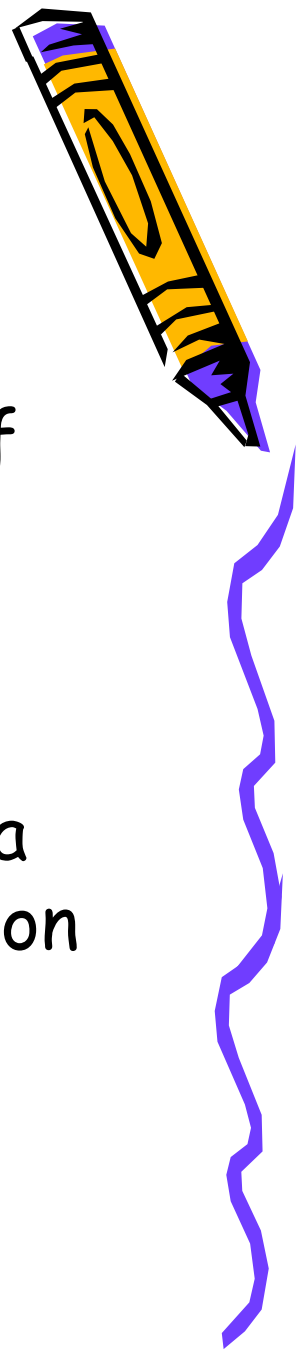


Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- Any absence requires a note or telephone call to the school explaining why.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- If your child needs an inhaler in school, please ensure the medicine is in date. Bring it to the school office in September as a medical form will need to be completed.



Snack



- Children will be provided with a piece of fruit every day.
- If your child is under the age of 5 they are entitled to free school milk.
- Please provide a full bottle of water in a named bottle everyday. This is in addition to any drinks you may provide with a packed lunch sent in from home.



Being School Ready



- Encourage your children to dress and undress independently.
(This includes putting on and taking off a coat, cardigan or jumper.
Please practise doing up and undoing buttons, zipping up a coat)
- Regularly show your children how to put shoes onto the right feet.
- Now is the time to support your children with going to the toilet independently if they cannot do so already.
- Support your children with recognising and writing their name independently.
- Encourage your children to use a knife and fork at dinner time.
- Support your children with holding and using scissors independently.



A couple of things!



- Please inform the school if your child has any medical conditions, allergies or specific dietary requirements
- Please provide spare clothing for your child to leave on their peg in the first term.
- Gents! Please introduce your boys to a urinal or explain to them how to use a urinal over the summer holiday if they have not experienced a urinal before!



Tapestry

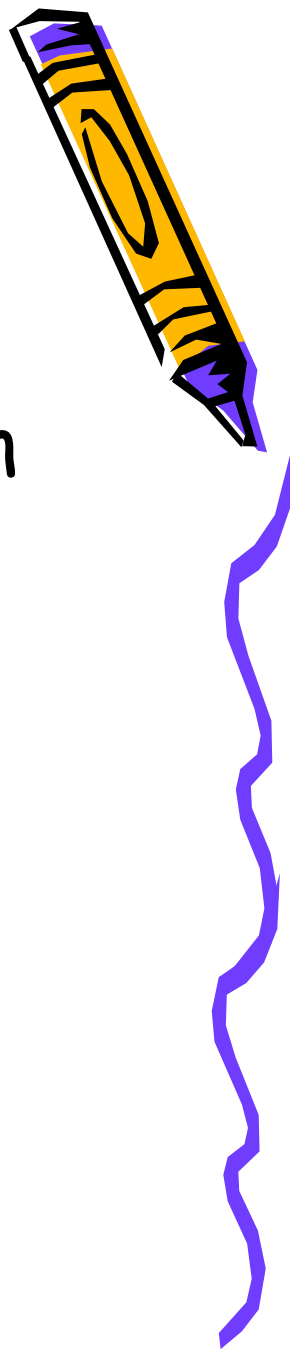


- We use Tapestry to communicate with you about your child's learning, achievements and events happening in Reception.
- You will be sent log in details in September.
- You can upload comments and photos of achievements from home so that we can celebrate with your child in school.



Home Visits

- A home visit appointment time is in the letter you have received this evening.
- Home Visits are essential for the smooth transition of your child attending school.



Please remember....

If you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you.

Key Dates

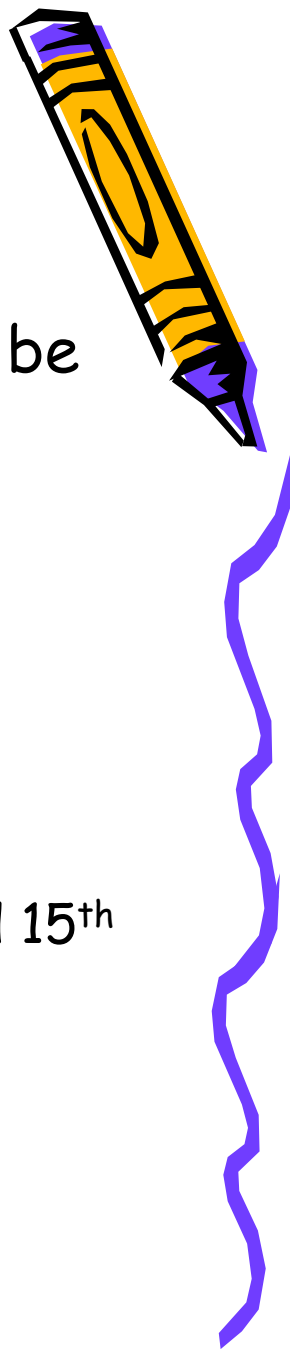
6th and 7th July - Meet the teacher

10th, 11th, 13th July - Home Visits

5th - 15th September children part time

(Further home visits will take place between the 11th and 15th September during the afternoon)

18th September - All children start full time





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