



# Maple Primary School Reception 2023



# Reception Team

**Mrs Hitchcock**

Teacher

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



**Miss Baylis**

Teacher

Thursday, Friday



**Mrs Hobbs**

Higher Level  
Teaching  
Assistant



# Our Principles of Learning

- Children learn best when they are happy and feel safe.
- Children should be given equal opportunities.
- Children learn through play, therefore, should be given the time to engage in meaningful play scenarios.
- There should be a smooth transition.
- There should be consistency - home and school.
- Children should receive lots of positive praise.
- All children should be given the chance to fulfil their personal potential.



# What is the EYFS?

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. For most children already in nursery the EYFS is a continuation into Reception.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.



Early Years Foundation Stage

## 7 Areas of Learning

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
  
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



We will look into these areas in more detail during the Curriculum meeting in the Autumn Term.



# A day in the life of the Reception Class!

Throughout the day we have ...

- Daily Busy Finger Activities - Fine Motor
- Whole class time
- Adult Directed Tasks
- Child Initiated Learning (Learning Through Play)
- Daily Phonics and Maths Lessons
- Snack/Story/Songs
- Outside Physical activities - P.E session
- **Learning inside and outside at every opportunity**

All activities will cover one or more of the seven areas of development.



# Lunchtime

- Reception's lunchtime begins at 12 and they are always first in to lunch.
- School lunch is in the dining room.
- After they have eaten they go outside - children have the choice to use the Reception garden area or use the main playground with the rest of the school.
- Our class teaching assistants do lunch duty so the children will always have a familiar face around them.
- Please make sure you have signed up for your child's lunches and the kitchen are aware of any allergies.



# Settling in

- The school day starts at 8.45am.
- We have a soft start morning which means the children can arrive at school between 8.40-8.45am.
- Children will self- register in the morning and hang their things on their own peg.
- Water bottles/ lunchboxes will be put on a shelf for them to access at all times.
- Home time collection - please make yourself seen/wave so the children can see you and we get to know all your faces. If someone else is collecting your child please give them the password and let the class teacher know.





# The First Few Days ...

Please encourage your child to enter the classroom independently. If they are upset then we will come and support them at the gate to help encourage them into the classroom.

- Children will have a snack during the morning. Fruit is provided, or you can provide your own snack but this must be fruit or vegetable. Milk is offered if you've requested it.
- Book bag in school everyday.
- Please bring spare clothes in a named plastic bag.
- On our PE day (Thursday) the children will come into school wearing their P.E Kit.



# Behaviour Management

- We have a Behaviour Policy in School - we expect children to be polite, respectful and considerate to others.
- In Reception we will work on taking turns, sharing and learning to co-operate with others, managing feelings and learning to regulate their behaviour.
- We have high expectations of the children at Maple building on positive reinforcement of good behaviour - children are rewarded with Headteacher awards, star of the week, hot chocolate Friday and weekly Golden Time. The children will be put into a House group to link with the rest of the school and will be able to earn house points for their house. We also have our own on class reward systems in place.



# Practical Things

- Please tell us if anything is different at home for your child which may unsettle them (parent working away, pet is unwell, if they are feeling unwell or didn't have a good nights sleep etc).
- Let us know any allergies in advance.
- Please let us know if someone else is picking them up and give this person the password.
- Children are not to use the apparatus in the playground before or after school.



# Medical Matters



- Any sickness, diarrhoea, **must** be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- Please phone or email the office before 8.45am if your child isn't going to be in school.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any absence requires an email or telephone call explaining why.
- Medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement with the head teacher and office staff.



# Uniform Reminder

- ALL uniform and bags need to be clearly labelled with names please.
- Children need to wear black shoes or black trainers to school
- Named school book bag
- Plastic bag with spare clothes (to stay at school)
- A named water bottle with a sports cap (will be sent home each day for a wash)
- Appropriate clothing for all weathers. We spend lots of time outside!
- Long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be school colours.



# General Information



- Refer to the website for the PowerPoints.
- Forms to be completed will be emailed out - please fill these out and return ASAP.
- 12 o'clock finish: Monday 4th - Friday 9th September
- Stay for lunch and 1.20pm finish - Week beg. 11th September.
- Stay all day 3.15pm finish - Week beg. 18th September

We have planned a curriculum evening on Wednesday 27th September where we will look at the seven areas of learning in the EYFS and how we deliver this in Reception.



We hope you all get to enjoy the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you and your children to Reception at Maple in September.

Thank you,  
Mrs Hitchcock and Miss Baylis

