The Early Years Foundation Stage

- Within The Early years Foundation Stage there are 7 areas of learning and development.
- The **3 prime areas** are;
 Communication and Language Physical Personal, social and emotional
- As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are: Literacy Mathematics Understanding the world Expressive arts and design
- Children's work and achievements are recorded in their 'learning journey' file and Seesaw online platform.
- We strongly encourage parents to share with school their observations of their child's learning and achievements through Seesaw.



Things to remember

- School term begins on Wednesday
 4th September and your child can
 attend full time from that date. How ever we understand that they may
 find this tiring and are happy to make
 part-time arrangements for the first
 few weeks.
- Please contact a class 1 teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child starting school.
- Children are dropped off on the playground in a morning.
- Children are picked up at the school gate.
- If someone different is picking your child up you must let a member of staff know.
- Breakfast and After-school clubs are available every day.
- PE kits are kept in school and will be sent home during the holidays.
- Please bring shoes for your child to wear indoors (we suggest croc style slippers) and wellies for outdoor play.
- We have an open door policy please feel free to come in to talk to us at the beginning or the end of the day.



The School day

- The bell rings at 8:50am
- Every morning we do phonics and maths activities, reading and writing.
- Break is at 10.25am for 20 mins - fruit is available and free milk for under 5s.
- Lunch is from 12.15 until
 1.15pm. We offer a hot meal
 made on the premises at £2.80
 per meal.
- The day is structured around child initiated and adult led activities
- Afternoon break is at 2pm. We ask parents for a small contribution towards snack.





Reading

- Children bring their book bag in every day with their reading books, reading record and sound pot.
- Each week children can choose a library book to take home to share.
- Books are changed every week .
- We listen to children read at least twice a week, both individually and in guided reading.
- It is very important to read regularly with your child at home and practice their phonic sounds.
- Within the first few weeks of school, we hold a meeting for parents of new starters where we explain our phonics scheme and Seesaw online sharing platform.



How you can help get you child ready for school?

- Talk to them about school.
- Encourage them to put on their own shoes and coat and to fasten them.
- Encourage them to dress and undress themselves independently.
- Language sing songs and rhymes, ask questions and introduce lots of vocabulary
- Numeracy Counting/ shapes/number songs.
- Literacy looking at books together, encourage mark making and writing (e.g. their names, letters), encouraging them to hold their pencil correctly.
- P.E kits shorts or leggings, burgundy t-shirt socks and trainers.
- For more information see our school prospectus or website.

