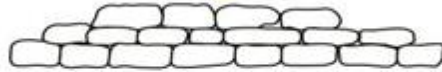


HEDDON ON THE WALL
ST ANDREW'S



C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to EYFS



EYFS Staff

Nursery – Miss Kerridge, Miss Ross,

Reception – Mrs Cubbage (EYFS Lead), Mrs
Haddock & Mrs McGurk

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The EYFS Framework (available online) explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. Your child will be learning new skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and language/Physical development/ Personal, social and emotional development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas, which are:

- Literacy/Mathematics/Understanding the world/Expressive arts and design.
- These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The curriculum is designed to be flexible so that staff can follow your child's needs and interests. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

Tapestry

The *Tapestry Online Learning Journal* is used to track your child's progress throughout their time in the Early Years, it also a great tool to communicate progress and suggestions for next steps with parents and carers. Staff will upload photographs and observations at school which can be viewed at home, and parents can upload special events and milestones at home, for children to share with their peers at school.

If you are not already using Tapestry, please collect a form so that we can connect you to the system.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has a blue school cardigan or jumper, white shirt or polo shirt and black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore. Pupils must have appropriate footwear. Please ensure long hair is tied up with suitable hair accessories.

PE Kit

Due to current restrictions, children are unable to change in school for P.E. Therefore, we ask that your child comes to school dressed in their P.E. kit on their set P.E. days. P.E. will be carried out outside whenever possible so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It may be useful to send in a change of shoes in the event of a wet/muddy session.

P.E. days are:

Nursery: Monday

Reception: Monday and Tuesday

Snack

As part of our healthy eating initiative, all snacks brought to school should be healthy e.g. fruit and vegetables. Each child in EYFS will be offered a healthy snack in the afternoon. If your child would like a morning snack too, please send a snack into school in a clearly named pot, which will come home to be cleaned each day. Milk is available in school (free to under 5's) and please send a named water bottle into school. At present, we cannot provide cups for drinks. Please do not send your child to school with juice or sugary snacks.

Lunch

Lunchtime is from 11.45am – 1pm. Lunch is taken in the school hall and is 30 minutes, please ensure you order or provide something your child will be able to eat within that time. School lunch can be ordered at home with your child, please contact the office to set up a School Grid account to enable you to order lunch from home. Alternatively, a healthy packed lunch may be brought in from home.

Toilet Training

We do expect the majority of children to be toilet trained before beginning Early Years, however we do understand that children develop at different rates and accidents may occur. We have an Intimate Care Policy which outlines what staff will do in the case of an accident, but wherever possible the children will change themselves. Please feel free to send in a named change of clothes to be kept on your child's peg in case of an accident.

Reading

It is *essential* that you read with your child, and they 'read' to you, daily if possible but as a minimum requirement, we recommend **10-15 minutes five nights a week**. This should be recorded in your child's reading diary. When you read to your child, you're building their vocabulary, language and literacy skills, while improving concentration, curiosity and memory. Reading builds comprehension and critical-thinking skills and also promotes spelling and grammar acquisition. Not only this, but reading with your child after a busy day allows you to spend some quality time with each other and can help settle your child before bedtime to ensure they have a good night's rest!

Homework

Reading, counting and playing turn taking games with your children is a great way to support the development of their early Literacy and Maths skills.

First Aid

The Early Years environment is a very busy one and young children are still learning the skills of negotiating space and obstacles. Unfortunately, accidents do happen but we have excellent trained First Aiders amongst our team. All accidents are recorded and where appropriate a 'bump' note will be issued or you may be contacted via telephone or Tapestry.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of your child are paramount. Please could you ensure that you inform school as soon as possible should anyone other than parents/guardians be collecting your child from school.

Attendance

Good attendance in each class is celebrated every week during Celebration Assembly and is shared on the school newsletter and website. The school closely monitors pupil absence and minutes of learning time lost due to lateness; should a pupil's attendance or level of punctuality cause concern, this will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer. Please note that leave is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. If a child is absent from school due to illness, this should be reported to the office by telephone as soon as practicable, this can include outside office hours using the answer-phone facility.

Key Dates for your Diary

<u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u>
<u>TEACHER DAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020</u>	
Summer 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020	Tuesday 2 September 2020
October Mid-Term 2010	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas/New Year 2020/2021	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring Mid-Term 2021	Friday 21 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 3 MAY 2021</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 July 2021	Monday 6 September 2021

School will inform you date of staff training days in due course.