

# Welcome to Reception!



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Mrs Wilkins



Miss Horsfall



Miss Wallis

We are the class teachers Mrs Wilkins and Miss Wallis. Our Teaching Assistant is Miss Horsfall. We will be here to help you with your learning and to make sure that you are having lots of fun at school!

## School Times

Morning Session: 8:45 am - 12 noon

Lunchtime: 12 noon - 1 pm

Afternoon Session: 1 pm - 3:15 pm

## What to Wear

All children are required to wear a uniform which consists of:

- Blue polo shirt
- Black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- Black shoes
- Temple Normanton Junior Academy jumper/fleece
- No jewellery apart from **stud** earrings.

## Snack and Lunchtime

Your child will be provided with a free snack each day and will be encouraged to try a variety of fruit and vegetables. They can bring their own piece of fruit if they would like to. On Fridays we have a tuck shop where children can choose a chocolate snack for 20p which we ask you to send with them each week. Children will be encouraged to drink from their bottles during this time. Please ensure this contains only water. We ask that children do not bring juice to school. Please make sure you have let school know about any allergies or intolerances.

For lunch, you can order a school dinner for your child (which are free for Reception - Year 2) or bring a packed lunch.

## Our Classroom



This is our classroom where we do our learning. We have our own outdoor area and will also use our school garden, playgrounds and field



This is where you will hang your coat up. You will get your own peg with your name on top!

These are the toilets and this is where we wash our hands.



## What to Bring



## Wellies

We will often take our learning outside and may get wet and muddy! Please make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in school with their name inside.

## Book Bag

Your child will be read with throughout the week so please bring their book bag and reading book **every day**.

## Weather Appropriate Clothing

We will be exploring our outdoor environment in all kinds of weather! Please make sure your child has what they need to play outside safely. Please **label** all of your child's belongings with their name.

## Water Bottle

Please label your child's water bottle with their name.

## P.E. Kit

Your child will have a P.E. lesson every week. Please ensure their P.E. kit is labelled with their name.



## Learning and the Curriculum

We will be following the new statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. This is organised into seven areas of learning which are:

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

The classroom is divided into areas of learning and each area has a different challenge to complete throughout the week. During their child-led time, the children are encouraged to complete their challenges to develop their independence in their learning and to provide opportunities to apply the skills which they have been taught. Your child will also have adult-led sessions delivered by the teachers and teaching assistant throughout the week for each area of learning. During these sessions, your child will be given an activity to complete to support their learning and development.

## What is Phonics?

Phonics is a daily lesson where we teach children how to read and write using blending and segmenting strategies. The children learn the sounds of all letters and digraphs (two letters which make one sound) and then learn how to spot these in words, sound talk the word and then blend them to hear the words they are reading. Children also learn to sight read tricky and high frequency words which supports fluent reading of sentences. They are also taught to use their phonics skills to segment words so that they can write words and sentences.

## Behaviour



We have a whole school behaviour system. Positive behaviour is praised and rewarded. Prizes and awards will be given to children who show impeccable behaviour and effort. In EYFS, every child has a peg with their name on and we all start our day on a sunshine. If a child needs reminding about how to behave at school, they will be given verbal reminders. If they ignore these reminders, they will move their peg onto the cloud and then the rain cloud. Children who listen to reminders and change their behaviour will be able to move their peg back

onto the sunshine. If inappropriate behaviour continues, they will move their peg onto a purple card, followed by a yellow card and then finally a red card. Any purple, yellow or red cards are logged onto our system. We will be available to speak with parents every morning or after school to give regular updates about learning and behaviour. Children who keep their pegs on the sunshine or rainbow for constantly displaying impeccable behaviour will be awarded each half term. We will also hold special assemblies each term to celebrate children who have shown great effort in their learning. For more information, please see the school's behaviour policy.

## Home Learning and Communication

Your child will be given a home learning book. We will set tasks for your child to complete at home to support them with their next steps in their learning. Your child will also be given a reading book with sounds and words to practise. They will have a reading record so that adults at home and in school can record when your child is read with. Please try and read with your child at home as much as possible. There are lots of rewards given for reading at home!

We encourage you to send in any photos of your child's achievements from home into school e.g. sports achievements or getting dressed independently. These are valuable contributions to your child's learning journey.

There will be opportunities throughout the year to talk about your child's learning and progress to keep you up to date about your child's next steps. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to a member of staff when dropping off or picking up your child. If you feel you need a longer, or more private, opportunity to discuss anything, please make an appointment with the school office and we will be happy to meet with you.

## Getting Ready for School

Starting school is a new and exciting experience which can sometimes be difficult for both parent and child. The members of staff will ensure that your child feels safe and secure whilst at school and develops their confidence to build relationships and be more independent. To support their transition into school, there are some things you can do at home.

Please support and encourage your child to:

- Use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- Put on and take off their coat.
- Put on and take off their shoes and wellies.
- Use a tissue to wipe their nose and then put this in the bin.

- Share and take turns.
- Put their toys away.
- Write their name.
- Use a knife and fork.

Please look at the pictures of the classroom with your child and talk to them about starting school regularly. We hope you have an amazing summer! We can't wait to see you!

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