

Welcome to Reception

A new and exciting stage in your child's life!

This year you can expect your child to:

- make new friends,
- enjoy new Reception experiences and
- learn vital skills for reading, writing and early maths.



A Day in Reception

- Doors open at 8:30am when the children come in and settle on a morning activity
- Register on the carpet - please chat with your child about their lunch choice!
- Whole class 'carpet time' usually phonics in the morning.
- Independent learning time inside and outside
- Mid morning snack time and 'carpet time'
- Phonics listening games
- Lunchtime
- Register and 'carpet time'
- Independent learning time inside and outside
- Story time or assembly
- Home time at 3:00pm.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

- The Foundation Stage begins in Nursery and continues through to Reception.
- We help the children to **learn through playing, exploring and being active**. This means children will take part in a range of fun, practical activities; some of which are adult led, some guided by adults and some will be child-initiated.
- We follow the **EYFS Framework** which explains how and what your child will be learning. It is very flexible so it can be adapted to the children's needs and interests.



7 Areas of Learning

Prime Areas



Personal, Social and Emotional
Development



Physical
Development



Communication
and Language

7 Areas of Learning

Specific Areas



Literacy



Maths



Expressive Arts
and Design



Understanding
the World



Keeping you up to date

- Your child will be assessed in these areas of learning, based on their individual development and needs.
- We will regularly share your child's achievements with you through Tapestry - an online learning journal that records all of their memories and achievements over the year!

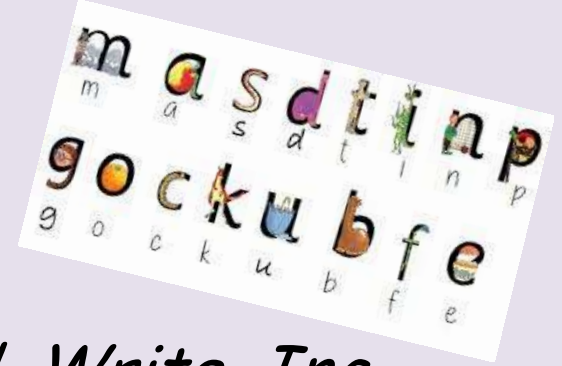


Learning with us

- Keep up to date with what we are learning about via the weekly blog and weekly learning letters
- Explorers Cafes for the Autumn term: Harvest Festival Café - Thursday 3rd October 8:50-9:30 and Bedtime Explorers Café - Monday 16th December 5-6pm
- School trips and visitors
- School website or app online diary



Phonics



- We follow the phonics scheme *Read, Write, Inc.* which teaches children to use the letter sounds to support their reading and writing.
- Children will have daily phonics sessions to learn to read and write the letters. It is important that children learn to form the letters correctly, using the correct pencil grip.
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Reading



- After October half term, your child may begin bringing reading books home which will be specifically matched to their exact reading level.
- In the meantime sharing stories and recognising letters and sounds supports literacy development.
- Children will visit the school library on a Wednesday.

Maths

In Reception, children will be developing their number sense as they learn to read and write numbers and count accurately.



Maths in EYFS!

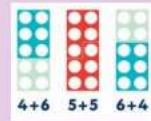
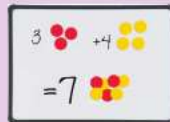
Counting and Ordering

Your child should be able to count reliably with and order numbers from 1 to 20.



Addition and Subtraction

Use quantities and objects, add and subtract two single-digit numbers, for example: $3+2=5$, $4-1=3$.



Space and Measure

Use language to talk about size, weight, time, capacity and distance to compare quantities & objects & solve problems.

Find 1 more or 1 less than a given number.

Fastest, Slowest, Faster than, Slower than....



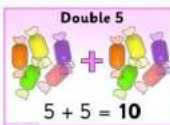
Heavier
Lighter

What is double 5?



Multiplication and Division

Double, half and share objects.



4 sweets shared between 2 people



$\frac{1}{2}$



half

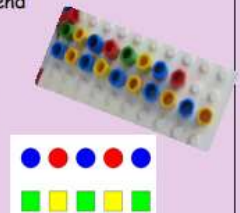
Shape

Explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.



Patterns

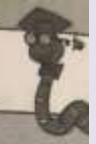
Your child should be able to recognise, create and describe patterns by the end of the year.



Children will explore lots of maths concepts through their play.

Learning at home

- We value your input and believe working in partnership with parents is key.
- Regular learning letters will link school learning with activities you can try at home. These may be linked to reading and writing (phonics) and maths.
- Please record all home learning in your child's school diary. These will be checked on a Monday and stamps will be awarded if reading or maths activities have been carried out at home 4 times.



Which book(s) am I reading this week?

Marvellous Maths

This week I'm working on...

	Activity
Monday	shared The Gruffalo before bed Recognised number 2 and 3 on the bus.
Tuesday	Practised writing name on patio.
Wednesday	Recognised rectangles and circles wala to school.
Thursday	Used magnetic letters on the fridge to find sounds in name.
Friday	Read Bear Hunt before bed. counted the candles on mummy's birthday cake
Weekend	Used a timer when brushing teeth

Comments:

Other Information

- Children are allocated into house teams which they will work with during 'curriculum days' and sports day.
- Reception children are supported by Year 5 buddies and explore the school and current learning topics.



Ready, Respectful, Safe

- This year we have developed our Queen's Hill school rules. The three rules we have are Ready, Respectful and Safe. Each class will look at these rules and decide as a class what they look like.
- We encourage the children to be part of this process and have ownership over the rules.
- We use a recognition system for behaviour and reward children who show behaviours related to our Growth Mindset crowns to help children develop a can-do, positive attitude.

Top tips

- Make sure that everything is named! We can help your child become more independent if their clothing, wellies, bottles, bags and lunch boxes are named.
- Come and speak to us if you would like help, advice or have any questions.

Don't forget how to keep up to date:

- Letters
- Blog
- School diary
- Tapestry
- Parent - Teacher meetings in Autumn and Spring terms
- We are always available in the mornings to talk to you. If you need a longer discussion we will arrange a meeting with you before or after school.



Any questions?