

# Welcome to Reception



# Meet the Reception Team



**Les Papillons Verts**

**Mrs Charis James**  
*Early Years Phase Leader*



**Mrs Becky Suffield**  
*Assistant Headteacher*



**Les Papillons Bleus**

**Miss Jessica Smart**



**Les Papillons Rouges**

**Miss Kerry Hardesty**



# What can you expect?

This year you can expect your child to:

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



# Reception routines

8:40am children come in and settle at a morning activity

**Register** on the carpet (please chat with your child about their lunch choice before school)

Whole class carpet time

**Independent learning** time inside and outside

**Snack time** on the carpet

**Phonics** listening games with Fred the frog

**Independent learning** time inside and outside

Lunch then outdoor play

**Register** and carpet time

**Independent learning** time inside and outside

**Story time** or assembly

2:50pm home time

# What does your child need to bring to school?

## Please name everything:

- Book bag
- Water bottle (**water only**)
- Packed lunch (if needed)
- Spare clothes in a bag
- Wellies
- Waterproof coat



In Reception we love to learn outdoors in all weathers so please bring these items in daily.

Look out for your child's school diary which will be issued during the first half term.

# PE Kit

In Reception we will have **PE twice a week.**

We will let you know what days these are **after October half term.** From then on please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on those days.



Purple polo shirt



Black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts



Trainers or plimsolls

If you would like to purchase via our school provider '**Birds of Dereham**' please visit their [website](#) or visit the store.



# The Early Years Foundation Stage

The **Foundation Stage** begins in Nursery and continues through to Reception.

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.

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.



# 7 Areas of Learning



Personal, Social and Emotional  
Development



Physical  
Development



Communication  
and Language



# 7 Areas of Learning



Literacy



Understanding  
the World



Maths



Expressive Arts  
and Design



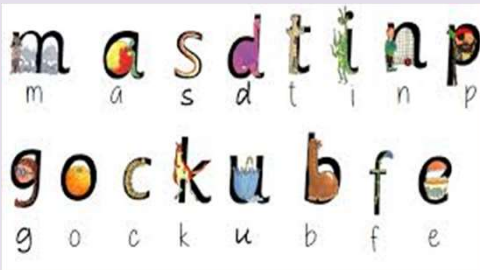
# Phonics



We follow the phonics scheme *Read Write Inc.* which teaches children to use letter sounds to support their reading and writing.



In Reception we have **daily phonics sessions** to learn to read and write letters. Daily '**Fred Time**' occurs to support the children's oral blending of sounds.



For more information about Read Write Inc. visit their [website](#).



In September, you will receive an email to activate your child's **Tapestry account**. You must complete an online **consent form** to access Tapestry. Please contact the school office if you need help with this.

We will use Tapestry to:

Pass on key dates for your diary.

Let you know what we are learning about.

Upload photos and updates of your child's learning.



We recommend downloading the Tapestry app.  
For more information on Tapestry visit their [website](#).

# School Community

As well as using Tapestry, we will regularly update our blog on the school's [website](#).

You can also keep up to date via the school's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Early Years Blog



### Welcome to Nursery

18th April 2021

A warm welcome to Queen's Hill Nursery! This short video will provide you with a bit more information about the nursery and you will be able to see some of the indoor and outdoor environments. Please click on the link to watch <https://youtu.be/euFY8ih7FzI>

[Read More](#)



### Welcome back to school!

4th March 2021

Hi everyone, We are so excited to see you all back at school on Monday 😊 Click on the link to see our welcome back to school video. <https://youtu.be/hxCc9TrMmkQ>

[Read More](#)



### EYFS snowy learning

5th February 2021

It's set to snow over the coming week, so if the snow comes here are some suggested activities to make the most out of the snow!

[Read More](#)





# Explorers Café

Every half term we have an **Explorer Cafe** for you to learn alongside your child.

Currently these need to take place remotely and you will be sent a link to access from home after school.

Look out on Tapestry for upcoming dates!





# Ready, Respectful, Safe

At Queen's Hill, the three school rules are **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We will spend time during the first term understanding what these mean.

We encourage the children to be part of this process and have ownership over the rules.

We use a **recognition system** for behaviour and we reward children who show behaviours related to our **Growth Mindset** crowns to help children develop a can-do, positive attitude.



# School Houses

Your child will be allocated into a **house team** to work with during 'curriculum days' and sports day. Currently the children will stay with their own class during curriculum days. We will let you know when we are able to enjoy these activities in house teams again.



# How can I support my child?

Talk to your child about starting school, keeping the conversation **positive**...even if you feel nervous yourself! There are lots of lovely books in the local library about starting school.

Please make sure that everything is **named**! We can help your child become more independent if their belongings are named.

From September, log in to **Tapestry** to find out what your child has been learning at school.

Please **call or email** the office if you would like help, advice or have any questions.

# Any questions?

If you have any questions about Reception please contact the school office and direct it to the Early Years Team.

Email: [office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk)

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