

Welcome to Reception at Layston Autumn Term 2020



Loving to learn,
Learning to love,
For every child
A chance to shine.



Our priority at the start of this term is to make sure that all the children are happy to come in to school, confident around the classroom and settling in well. Over the next few weeks, we will be spending lots of time learning how to use the different areas of the classroom, playing games to get to know each other, and practising routines, so that our day runs smoothly.

The Reception Team:

Mrs Kelly is the Reception teacher. Miss Price, Mrs Rooney, Mrs Burton, and Miss Keeble are our teaching assistants - they work on various days across the week.

Our curriculum

In Reception, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This is a continuation of the curriculum that your child will have been working on at nursery/pre-school if they attended one. It covers the areas of Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Maths, Literacy, Expressive arts and design, and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. It also helps children to develop the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL).

Our curriculum supports children to develop in all these areas. At the end of the year, we assess children against the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) in these curriculum areas, and we create an Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for your child. This lets you know whether your child is meeting their Early Learning Goals, or continuing to work towards them.

Our day:

The EYFS is child-centred, so children have lots of time to explore their own interests within the classroom. They will also spend time in adult-led sessions, which may focus on any of the areas of the curriculum. Children will take part in some maths and phonics learning every day. The timetable and balance of the day will shift over the year, as the children grow and develop.

Phonics:

We use the Read Write Inc Programme to teach children phonics. We are running a parent workshop on Friday 8th October 9.00 - 9.30, which you are welcome to attend to find out more.

Timetable information:

Forest School is on **Monday**. Children need to come to school in their Forest School uniform - they should wear school shoes to come into school and we will change into wellies at school (please do send your child in with a pair of wellies for them to keep in the classroom if they haven't already).

P.E. is on **Friday**. Children need to come to school in their P.E. kit.

As always, please ensure everything is named!

General reminders:

Each day your child should bring in:

- Their book bag with reading record and books inside it
- A named water bottle
- A named healthy snack
- A waterproof coat
- A change of clothes and a plastic bag

Don't forget to check Tapestry for observations and reminders!

Remember we are here to help - please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Thank you. 😊