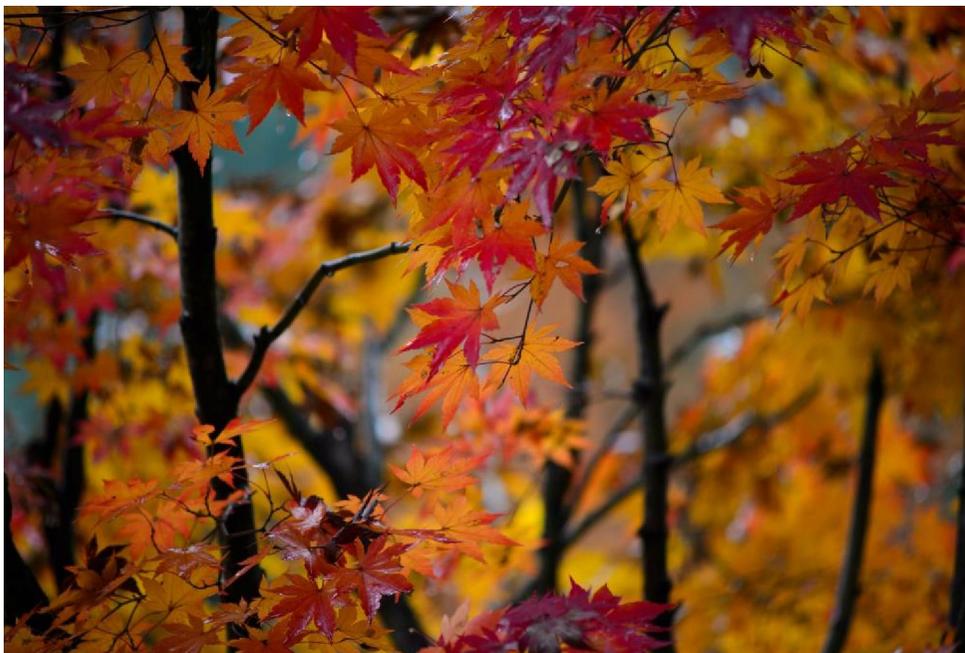


Welcome to Reception at Layston Autumn Term



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, are confident around the classroom and with the routines of the day and are 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, how to 'choose, play and put away', playing games to get to know each other, and practising routines, so that our day runs smoothly and the children develop their independence.

The Reception Team:

Mrs Betley is the Reception teacher on Monday, and Mrs Stamp teaches Tuesday to Friday. Mrs McTigue, Mrs Porter and Mrs Burton are our teaching assistants - they work on various days across the week.

Nurture and safeguarding:

Mrs Betley is the school's SENDCo, Mental Health Lead as well as one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads.

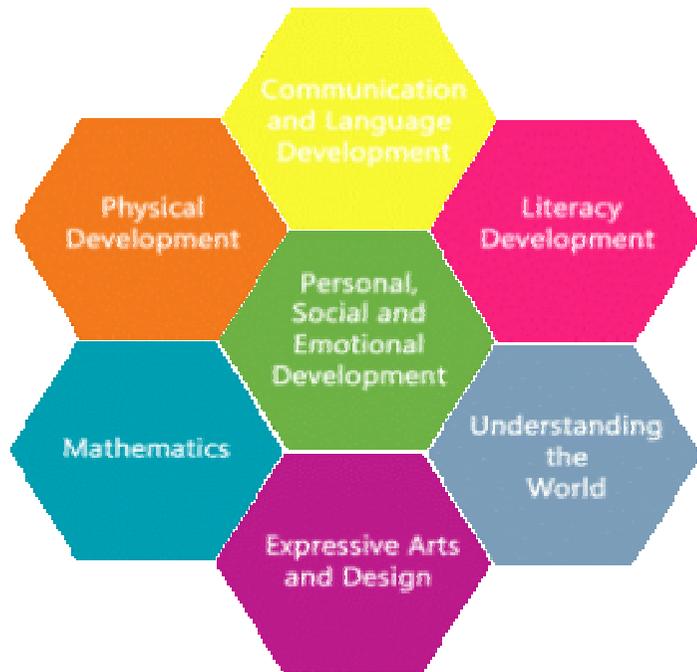
Mrs Stamp is the EYFS Lead.

All YR staff are safeguarding trained and paediatric first aid trained.

We are nurturing and therapeutic in all our interactions with children, supporting them with learning social skills and appropriate behaviours through explicit teaching.

Please see the **relevant policies** on the school website for more details:

Behaviour, Child Protection, EYFS, Mental Health & Well-being, SEND.



Our curriculum:

In Reception, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. This is a continuation of the curriculum that your child will have been working on at nursery/pre-school if they attended one, and will prepare the children for the National Curriculum in Y1. The EYFS framework covers the care areas of Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, as well as the specific areas of Maths, Literacy, Expressive Arts and Design, and Understanding of the World. It also helps children to develop the Characteristics of Effective Learning. 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 this creates the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) for your child that you get at the end of the year. 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 through Child Initiated Learning (CHIL) or 'play'. Play is the main way that children learn and communicate. 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 Wednesday 9th 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 ensure your child has a pair of wellies for them to keep in school.

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

As always, please ensure everything is named!

Snack:

We have snacks morning and afternoon. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. All snacks must be nut free and healthy as we are a healthy eating school. Please avoid biscuits and crisps; fruit, vegetables, dips, crackers and cheese are all suitable. Please cut grapes in half as they pose a significant choking hazard when whole.

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

Please check Tapestry for observations and reminders.

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

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