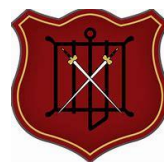




Welcome to Reception at **Longridge C of E School**



We are really looking forward to welcoming your children into the classroom in September. Here is some useful information about the Reception Year and what to expect as your child starts school.

Staff in Reception



Miss Hennedy



Mrs Lock

The Reception Curriculum

In Reception your child will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This curriculum sets the standards for learning and development of children from birth to 5 years old.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is split into seven areas of learning:

There are three Prime areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development,
Communication and Language, Physical Development

There are four Specific areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World,
Expressive Arts and Design



The Reception Classroom

The Reception classroom is set up to allow children to have adult-led teaching opportunities and also access to continuous provision. In Continuous Provision the children can explore different learning areas and take part in independent learning activities. Practical based activities form an important element of the foundation stage curriculum and much of your child's learning will be recorded through photographs and observations. We use Tapestry to make a record of your child's Learning Journey.



The Characteristics of Effective Learning

The Characteristics of Effective Learning are an important element of the Foundation Curriculum. We will be supporting children to develop these skills as they become effective learners:

- **Playing and Exploring- Engagement**
 - Finding out and Exploring
 - Playing with what they know
 - Being willing to 'have a go'
- **Active Learning- Motivation**
 - Being involved and concentrating
 - Keeping trying
 - Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
- **Creating and Thinking Critically- Thinking**
 - Having their own ideas
 - Making links
 - Choosing ways to do things

A Typical School Day

- 8.50 Doors open, into class. Register.
- 9.00 Phonics, reading and maths input
- Morning: Continuous Provision Activities
 - 12.00 Lunch time
 - 1.10- Register
- Afternoon: Continuous Provision Activities.
- 3.00 Together time- Story/singing/circle time
 - 3.30 Home time!



Reading in Reception

Learning to read is an important part of the Reception Year. Your child will take part in daily phonics activities in school to practise recognising sounds. They will bring a reading book home when they are ready.

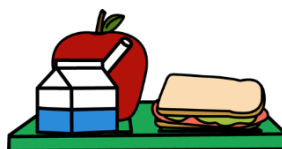
At first your child may bring home a book without words. Talking about what is happening in the pictures and retelling the story is an important stepping stone in learning to read. It is important for children to start reading a book with words when they are ready to enjoy the challenge.

You will be given a bookbag when your child starts school in September. Children will read regularly in school, please make sure they bring their book bag into school each day. You must sign the reading record when they have read at home before their book will be changed.



Lunch, milk and snacks in Reception

We go to the hall for our lunch and all children in Reception are entitled to free school meals. You will be given a menu for information about the meals provided in school each week. All children will also be offered milk and fruit snacks each day free of charge.



Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named. Ensure your child brings a coat to school everyday as we like to use our outdoor area as much as possible. Make sure your child has sensible school shoes and is not wearing any item of jewellery. PE kits need to be sent to school and will be kept on your child's peg. They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Other Information

- You will be given a school water bottle. Your child needs to bring a water bottle to school each day. This must only contain water, no juice please. Please ensure the water bottle is clearly named.
- Absences-If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school you need to ring the School Office to let them know as soon as possible.
 - We have Parents Evening in October and March.
- You will receive a school report for your child at the end of the academic year.



Helping your child prepare to start school

You will receive in this pack a letter with some information and activities you can complete with your child as they prepare to start school. You might also find the websites and books listed below helpful.



- Phonics Play- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Oxford Owl- www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- Link for pronunciation of Phonics Sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>
- Ideas for Starting School books:

Mungo Monkey Goes to School By Lydia Monks

How to hide a Lion at School by Helen Stephens

Starting School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Topsy and Tim Start School by Jean and Gareth Adamson

I am absolutely too small for school by Lauren Child

Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School by Ian Whybrow