

# Reception New Starters Meeting

Foxhill Primary School where the learning adventure  
begins!



# Meet the staff

Mrs Thomason- Headteacher



Mrs Dolby-Reception Class Teacher and Early Years Lead



Mrs Knight, Miss Salter, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Dilnot- Early Years Team



# Early Years Foundation Stage

The EYFSP is the curriculum document that we follow for the first year of school. Your children will already have achieved parts of the profile as it covers their development from birth.

Any previous setting that your child has attended will have highlighted developmental points that your child has achieved.

The EYFSP is divided into 7 areas of learning.

## **3 prime areas**

- PSED
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

## **4 specific areas**

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design.



# We teach this curriculum through Play!





# Outdoor Learning

Whenever possible (in all weathers!) we operate a free flow classroom so the children can decide for themselves if they wish to learn inside, outside or in the den.



# Phonics

Reading at home is crucial to learning to read and developing a love of reading!

We will begin teaching Phonics once the children have settled in class and we will follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. There is a letter in your welcome pack to explain reading at Foxhill in more detail.

When we start teaching phonics through Little Wandle- your child will be sent home with a reading book and a reading record. Your child will keep this book for a week and it is to be read everyday if possible. The reading record is for you to write comments about how your child is finding the book. Please make sure these are sent into school everyday.



# School Uniform

Please see the information sheet in your welcome pack regarding school uniform. If you have any questions, the staff in the school office are more than happy to help.

PE lessons will be on a Monday. We ask that the children come to school dressed in their PE kit. This gives us time to enjoy the PE lesson rather than missing most of it getting changed and locating clothes.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named including accessories such as hat and gloves! Also please make sure that your child has a coat suitable for the weather each day as we love to play outside, in all weathers, and we all know what Queensbury weather can be like! During the summer months/warmer weather please make sure that your child has a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before coming to school.

Your child will need a book bag that is sent into school everyday.

# Our Daily Routine!

The school day begins at 8:45am. Reception class door will be open from 8.45am for children to enter. Please wait in the main playground around the back of school until the classroom door is opened.

School finishes at 3:15pm so please wait in the main playground. Children will be handed over by a member of staff so please make sure you are visible to your child and staff.

Your child's first day in Reception will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



# Our Daily Routine!

**Teacher input:** This is usually a short carpet session where a new concept is introduced to the whole class.

**Focused activity:** This is where an adult will work with small groups of children reinforcing and extending concepts through practical activities.

**Child initiated activities:** This is when the children are given the opportunity to access resources independently from the provision areas inside and outside of the classroom. It is time for children to engage in their own learning, put ideas into practice and clarify their own understanding.

# Ted the Reading Bear!

Ted is our reading bear and children in Reception Class take it in turns to take Ted home and have adventures and explore stories with him.

They tell us all about their adventures in Ted's Diary which is then shared back in school.

Ted is sent home with a chosen child on a Thursday and we ask that he is returned the following Monday or Tuesday.



# Your child's learning journey!

The EYFS recognises that you, the parents, are the main educators of your child. As a result, we can use information about your child's learning at home that you tell us, to inform our judgement of your child's development.

We will use Tapestry to inform you of your child's learning at school so that you can also aid them at home. We really value it when parents upload photos and messages of the wonderful things that children do at home.

We also use Tapestry for Show and Tell, so it is really important that you have it up and running.

The Tapestry App is definitely worth downloading!

# Useful information!

- Reception class will visit the library on a Friday. Your child will bring home a book which is for reading for pleasure. This book will need to be returned to school the following Friday.
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please contact the school office first thing on a morning and explain their absence.
- School meals for lunch for EYFS and KS1 children are free and we have our own kitchen so meals are cooked in school each day. There is a menu in your welcome pack for you to complete with your child. School also provide water and snack.
- Show and Tell is an opportunity for your child to share their interests or what they have been up to with the class every Friday. We ask that parents upload an observation onto Tapestry before Friday morning each week.



# Thank you!

There is lots of information and letters in your welcome pack. I will collect the completed forms and be able to answer any questions you may have during the home visit.

Please also have a look on our school website as there is lots of information on there.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to school in September.

Once we have the classroom set up ready for the children I will put photographs onto the website.

