

Your child will start school on
Wednesday 3rd September



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Welcome!



Mrs Fellows
HeadTeacher



Mrs Waterworth
Teacher
Early Years Leader

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Rec B - Class Teacher Mrs Bishop



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Rec R - Class Teacher Mrs Ross



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HLTA and Phonics lead
Mrs Pearson



Level 2 teaching assistant



HLTA Pastoral and
Caterpillar Hub leads



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Uniform

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. We teach children to become independent learners and take ownership of their personal belongings.

Wild Wednesday

Forest Friday

Uniform exception – old clothes for exploration in our school garden and forest school area.

We take pride in our uniform. All children need to wear school uniform at all times apart from the day they have PE. On this day they can arrive at school in their P.E kit. **The day will be confirmed.**

Items with our school logo can be purchased from: Totally Uniform Shop, Kingswinford.

Children are expected to wear:

- Grey trousers (long or short) or a grey pinafore/skirt
- Blue check/gingham dress – summer only, optional
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece
- Light blue shirt/blouse, long or short sleeved.
- A royal blue school tie with silver stripe
- Sensible shoes (no trainers/platforms/high heels)
- A small bag and satchel for books and personal items.

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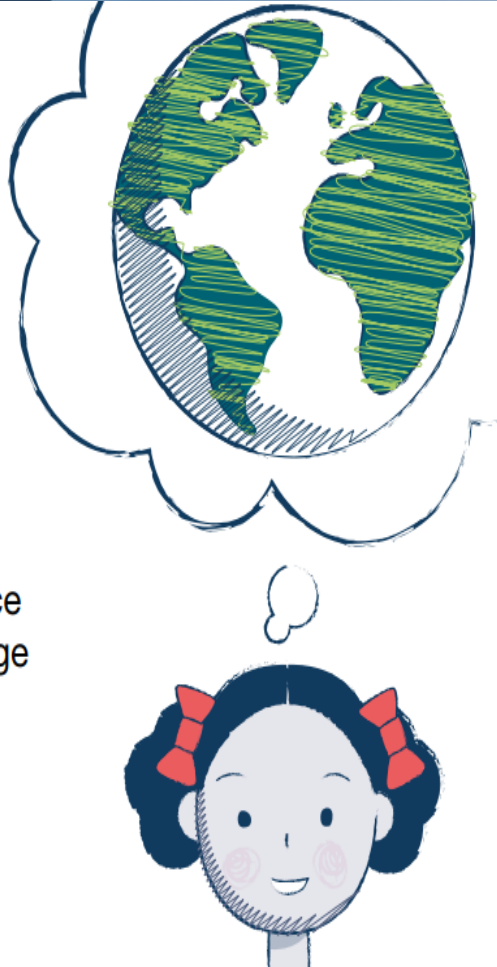
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Development Matters

Non-statutory curriculum guidance
for the early years foundation stage

First published September 2020
Revised September 2023



Our Curriculum

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

This is all presented in floor books

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Our Day

- Class focus times (beginning of the day/registration)
- Intervention/Gaps in learning - Every part of the day is a learning opportunity.
- Phonics
- English - explore language, communication, reading and writing (45 minutes per day)
- Mathematics - Number and numerical pattern (45 minutes per day)
- Happy Handwriting
- Adult Directed
- Child Initiated
- Stories/rhymes
- Music
- P.E. Physical intervention
- Outdoor learning
- Enrichments and family learning



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Updating our outdoor space

We filled the wheelbarrows full of compost from the school garden. We then emptied the old pots and filled them with compost and then planted spring bulbs. We can't wait to see the flowers bloom!

Snack time and Lunchtime

Snack time

•Children will be provided with fruit and milk. You can provide your child with a drink but we do encourage milk or water at this time. You do not need to provide your child with a snack. This happens in the child's classroom. And is an opportunity for talk, conversation and an opportunity for pre-teaching and revisiting previous learning.

Lunchtime

- School hall and outdoor learning.
- Choice of lunches (Hot and cold - All children in Reception receive a free school lunch) The menus are changed and you can select the choice of meal for your child.
- Packed lunch - Encourage and promote healthy eating. Why not have a look on our website for some delicious menu ideas!
- Cashless system and lunches are ordered in advance through Parent Pay. Parent Pay operates our on-line payments service for trips, clubs, Buddies, residential and dinner money for your convenience. You should be able to pay at any time and from home or elsewhere. www.ParentPay.com. There is a link on the schools website parents - Parent Pay . For the first week the office staff will book the child's lunch and you will be given details. If you already have a child you should be able to add a sibling on the same account.



Assessment

- Ongoing through observations
- Parent Observations - proud clouds
- Parents evenings - Every term. Your child's progress will be discussed with your child's class teacher. Each term will have a different focus.
- Each child will receive a report in the Summer term where we will report on the 7 areas of learning. Reception children are expected to achieve the Early Learning Goals.

Home Learning and Communication

- Newsletter - Home learning activities to enhance learning, upcoming events and important dates for the diary
- School life - Access important school notifications. You will need to download the app and collect your personal login information from the school office.
- Parent workshops/events
- Reading Diary



Attendance and Absence from school



We understand that children become ill and will not attend school. However, we do monitor attendance closely and will look at patterns of absence and will communicate with you if attendance falls below the expectation. Absence from school has an impact on a child's learning and behaviour. Regular attendance is not only a legal requirement but is essential for children to maximise their educational opportunities.

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, you will need to ring the school 01384 38988 by 9:30am each day of the absence. For sickness and diarrhoea (if you think its a bug) please allow 48 hours after last episode before returning to school.

Can I take my child on holiday during term time? Please see additional information regarding absence on our website.

[Brook Primary School - Absence & Attendance](#)



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an integral part of our job and role. We may have to have difficult conversations but we are also here to help and support difficult times.

- We all have a duty of care to all children.
- We work closely with social services to meet the needs of all our children. They can open up support and opportunities for families



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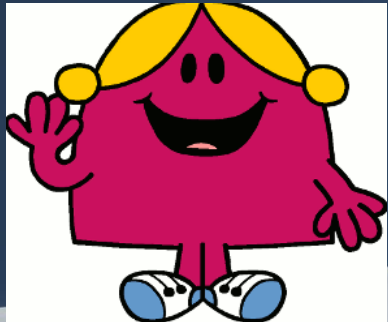
Transition

Friday 11th July - Transition
morning 9:30 - 11:30

Friday 11th July - Reports out and
class teacher confirmed

Transition booklet

Chatter Bag



Some ideas for your 'Chatter Bag'

- * A photograph of your family/pet/favourite toys/television character
- * A shell from a holiday destination
- * A map/stones/twigs/object from an adventure you have had
- * Cut outs from a magazine/book of your favourite food/character or likes
- * A drawing of your home

Please keep your favourite things at home though as we don't want those special things to get lost.

We will be sharing our bags with each other during the first half term of school.

Your child will receive their Chatterbag on Wednesday 3rd September

