

Welcome to Reception at Hipsburn Primary School

New Parents' Meeting:
July 2026



Aims of the Meeting:

- To help you to understand the curriculum and how we teach in order to meet the requirements of EYFS.
- To help you understand a typical school day in order to support transition to Reception.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home to be school ready.

The Staff

- Mr Moloney (Head)
- Mrs Johnson / Miss Jackson
(EYFS Reception Class Teachers)
- Jillian & Andrea (EYFS - Preschool)
- Ms Solomon (Office Manager)
& Mrs Marrison (Office Secretary)
- Sarah & Wendy (Kitchen Assistant)



Paperwork and Admin!

This will all be in a pack:

- Emergency contacts & medical plus sun care consent
- Lunches & Milk- dietary requirements
- ICT & Tapestry consent forms
- Home - School Agreement
- Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act
- Uniform is online - see website
- Intimate Care Policy & all other policies are on the school website
- Website www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

The EYFS is based on 4 themes:

- 1 A Unique Child
- 2 Positive Relationships
- 3 Enabling Environments
- 4 Learning and Development



Within the theme of Learning and Development there are three prime areas and four specific areas. All areas are connected to one another and are **equally important**.



The prime areas are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

The four specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Art and Design



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be learning to:

- become self-confident
- regulate themselves to work towards goals
- understand their own feelings and how others might be feeling
- build positive relationships
- become independent to try new challenges
- Manage their hygiene, personal needs and importance of being healthy.

Communication and Language

The children will be learning to:

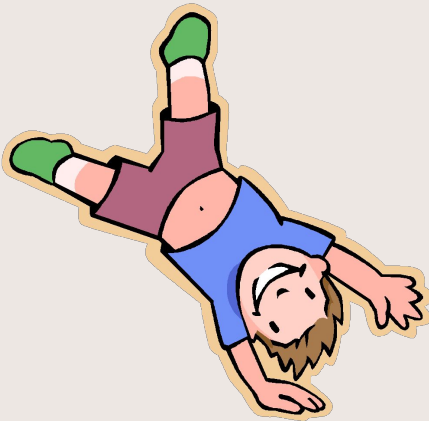
- Listen attentively in a range of situations
- Respond with questions, comments and actions to clarify their understanding



- talk confidently and clearly with explanations, expressing ideas and feelings

Physical Development

The children will be learning to:



- move confidently
- control their body
- handle equipment
- develop fine and gross motor control



Literacy

The children will be learning to:

- enjoy listening to stories, songs and poems
- comprehend what has been read to them
- hear and say sounds, and link them to the alphabet



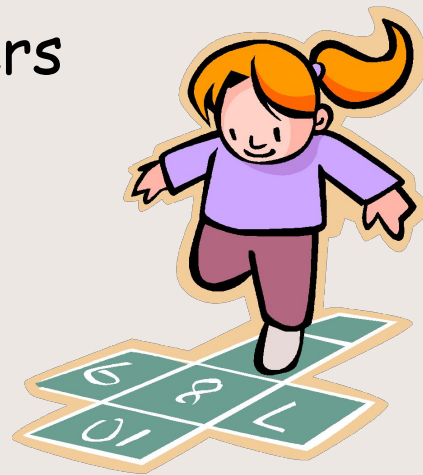
- read familiar words, sentences
and books

- write letters, words and simple sentences

Mathematics

The children will be learning to:

- develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play
- become comfortable with numbers and number patterns.



Understanding the World

The children will:

- find out about the world around them using observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps
- find out about past events in their lives and their families' lives
- find out about different cultures and beliefs.



Expressive Art and Design

The children will explore:

- using colours, shapes, design, texture, form and function;
- making things with tools and techniques
 - role play
 - making music.



Characteristics of Effective Learning

- **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

The School Day.

- **08.45** Classroom door will open and children should wave bye bye and enter putting own coats on pegs and book bag in box.
- They then begin their morning task.
- **08.55** Registration
If late they have to go through school office and marked on register

A typical morning

- 08.55-9.00 Wake & Shake, visual timetable & discuss the morning activities.
- 09.00-10.30 Literacy based activities & child led activities indoor/outdoor
- 10.30-10.45 Milk and fruit time & Assembly
- 10.45-11.00 Break time
- 11.00-12.00 Mathematics activities & child led activities indoor/outdoor
- 12.00-1.00 Lunchtime and end of morning session

A typical afternoon

- 1.00pm Come in and register
- 1.00-1.20pm Circle time and discuss afternoon activities.
- 1.20-2.45pm Child led activities - indoors and outdoors.
- 2.45-3.15pm Tidy up time and story time.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm and children will be handed over to you from the classroom door.

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children
already know and can do
and use this information to help us develop an
individual learning programme
for each child.

Each child has their own, '*Learning Journal*' (an online system called Tapestry and will be continued if already using one in Preschool). We keep evidence of their learning and samples of work, photographs and videos to show what they have been doing. We value any contribution that you would like to make to in order to celebrate all their development.



You will be invited to discuss
how your child has settled in
and their progress so far at
the parents' evening in October.

Homework

- Their **Learning Journal** keeps a diary of daily events; this is a link between home and school and we value any contribution you wish to make in the journal.
- **Reading** and **homework** - after the children have settled they will begin to bring reading books home and activities that you might like to do to support and investigative their learning at home.

Early Reading

We will hold a Reading Meeting in the first half term to help you gain a deeper of understanding of what we do in school and how you can support your child but remember:

- Books / reading is key to learning.
- Parents are the child's first teachers in helping children to read and love books.
- Stories can help develop imagination and language.

Learning New Sounds

Again this will be covered in the Reading Meeting but we will discuss:

- Read, Write Inc - Fred Frog

This is the program we use in school and there is advice on how you might like to support your child with their sounds:

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/

It is about - reading for success
- reading for writing

Remember pure sounds only - watch out for the schwar!!

Learning New Words

The Reading Meeting will also discuss:

- Building up words are called 'fred talk'.
- Tricky words are called 'red words'
- When practising at home watch out for the correct handwriting formation in the activities (see handout)

Other matters...

- **Book bags** should be brought in to school every day.
- **P.E. Kits** worn for **PE Days**
- **Change of clothes** - please name and leave on school peg.
- **Sensible shoes, wellies** with a peg (we provide suits) and **names** on clothing.
- Water Bottles every day
- No toys or jewellery please - we have a weekly VIP system for this.
- Library and Story Activity Sacks are on a Friday

Medical Matters

- Any sickness and/or diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hrs absence.
- Any absence requires a telephone call and a written note or email explaining why.
- For medical appointments please show the appointment letter at the office.
- Any prescribed medicines must be taken to the office to be administered by First Aid Trained Staff. A form must be completed to authorise this.

Extra Support

- Parent views
- Support in class
- 1:1 or group support
- SEND - specialist advice
- Other sources of advice
- Our Local Offer - see website



Helping your child to feel confident prior to starting Reception

- Routines and systems
- Care for Others / Social attitude - manners, taking turns, meal times, speaking and listening
- Self-worth & confidence - Positivity and to be able to ask for help
- Think for themselves / Developing independence - following instructions, getting dressed independently etc
- 'All About Me' Booklet to be completed before the Summer holiday please.

And Finally...

- We are here to make your child's transition into Reception as easy and enjoyable as possible.
- If you have any worries or concerns please contact Mrs Johnson / Miss Jackson or Mr Moloney and we will do our best to help you.

Thank you - please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions