# Welcome to Reception

Meadowside
Primary School

# What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.

It is based upon the understanding that children learn best through play and active learning at this age.



# Areas of Learning and Our Reception Curriculum

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Children will mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first.
These are:

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As children grow we include the **4 specific areas**.
These are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design



# Reading

- Children will use their Get To Know Me Books to talk and discuss events in their lives with staff and their friends.

You have received Get To Know Me Books tonight, children will bring these back to school on their first day.

- Once children recognise some letter sounds they will be given a Sound Blending Book.

- Once your child has a book you will be given a reading record to write comments in when you share/read with your child at home.



# Tapestry

- We use Tapestry to communicate with you about your child's learning, achievements and events happening in Reception.
- You will be sent log in details in September.
- You can upload comments and photos of achievements from home so that we can celebrate with your child in school.

TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

# Being School Ready

- Encourage your child to put their coat, cardigan/jumper, on independently.

Please practise buttons and zips too.

- Regularly show your children how to put shoes onto the right feet and fasten their shoes or trainers.

- Support your child with going to the toilet independently and introduce boys to urinals too.

- Support your child with recognising and writing their name independently and holding and using scissors.

- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork at dinner time.



# Uniform

- Please ensure your child's **name is in all items** of clothing, including shoes and coats.
- Please ensure a weather appropriate coat is worn each day.
- Each child has a drawer to keep their book bag in and please use book bags rather than rucksacks.
- On our two PE days please dress your children in PE kit before they come into school. Trainers or plimsolls can be worn.
- Please provide additional underwear, trousers/skirt and socks/tights in a small bag, which will be kept on your child's peg.

*Your child will be taking part in lots of interesting and sometimes messy experiences, so may come home dirty! It is all part of the fun!*



# Snack

- Children will be provided with a piece of fresh fruit or veg daily.

- If your child is under the age of 5 they are entitled to free school milk daily.

Once your child turns 5 you may choose to pay for milk via CoolMilk.

- Please provide a full bottle of water in a named bottle daily.

This is in addition to any drinks you may provide with a packed lunch sent in from home.



# Home Visits

- A home visit appointment time and date will be given to you on move up day.
- Home visits are essential for the smooth transition of your child attending school.
- Your child's class Teacher and Teaching Assistant will visit your home.



We hope to see you soon.

