



Head Teacher's Meeting  
Starting Reception at Nelson Primary School  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 11am

# Transition into Reception

- We are having School Visits rather than Home Visits this year.
- In your transition pack you will have a date to come into school with your child to meet their teacher and nursery nurse and see their classroom.
- You will also have been given a start date for your child anytime between 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. School will be from 8:40am-11:50am on these days.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, the children will stay for lunchtime and then go home (8:40am-1:15pm).
- We gradually build up time at school so that the children can settle into a longer day gradually. They will be very tired!
- School will be all day from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Reception Times: 8:40am— 3:15pm**

Please bring your child to the EYFS gate every morning. You have between 8:40 and 8:50 to drop your child off before they are marked as late. You will collect your child from outside their classroom at 3:15.

If you are going to be late or someone else is picking up your child please inform the school. If your child is absent please inform their teacher of the reason otherwise a letter will be sent home from the office.

# EYFS Curriculum

## The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The three prime areas of learning that make up the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum are:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development

These prime areas are supplemented by the four specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

## Learning Through Play

- Children in the EYFS do most of their learning through play.
- Every activity provided in Reception is carefully planned with an aim to developing your child to their full potential ready to go into Year 1 next year.
- Always value your child's play and encourage them to talk about their play by joining in with them and playing alongside them.

# Outdoor Learning

- At Nelson Primary School the children learn both inside their classrooms and in the purpose built outdoor environment.
- The children are encouraged to seek learning opportunities for themselves within the provision and are guided towards activities that will stimulate their learning.
- There are many challenging physical activities for them to do which are essential to their cognitive development.
- The children go outside in all weathers so please make sure they are dressed appropriately in the winter/summer

# Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

- All children in Reception start the “Read Write Inc” phonics programme as soon as they have settled into Reception.
- They learn the sounds the letters make and how to blend and segment simple words so they can begin to read and write.
- They then go onto reading simple “ditty” books and then further books with an increasing level of difficulty over time.
- Further information about the RWI programme, and how you can support your child to learn to read and write, will be available to you in September.

# Assessment

- Assessment is ongoing for all pupils in Reception and parents are encouraged to share in this.
- We regularly observe how children play, learn and interact and record these observations onto EExAT using iPads.
- Parents will be given login details so you can log onto your child's special book at home to keep up to date with their progress.
- Parents are encouraged to contribute observations and photographs of significant events at home for their child whenever they can.
- Each half term the teacher will have built up an accurate profile of each child's development and be able to assess them accordingly.

# Refreshments

- All Reception children will have a snack time and they will be given a piece of fruit.
- Children should not bring in snacks or sweets into the classroom.
- You must provide your child with a school water bottle that your child must bring to school every day filled with fresh water.
- No juice, squash or fizzy drinks are allowed.



# Weekly Stay and Play Sessions

- Parents are invited to stay and play with their child **every Friday from 8:40 to 9am.**
- This gives parents an opportunity to do an activity with their child in the classroom to support their learning and development.
- This will really benefit your child's learning and give them the best start in their school life!

# Attendance

- Please ensure you bring your child to school every day on time.
- If your child arrives after 8:50 they will be marked as late.
  
- **Persistent lateness is unacceptable and will have negative impact on your child's education.**

# Uniform

- We expect all children to be in school uniform every day.
- Children must wear:
  - grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
  - white shirt/polo shirt
  - navy blue sweatshirt/jumper
  - a warm coat
  - sensible plain black shoes.
  - If your child wears a head scarf it must be white or navy blue.
- Uniform with the school logo on can be bought from the uniform shop Ian Howard (409 Barking Road).
- Please make sure every item of your child's uniform has their name on it.
- The school is not responsible for your child's belongings.



# Before your child starts Reception

- You need to ensure your child can be as independent at school as possible. You can do this by:
  - Teaching your child to be able to go to the toilet by themselves.
  - Encouraging them to tidy up after themselves at home.
  - Teach them to be able to put on and take off their own coat and school uniform.
  - Encourage your child to speak and talk together about what you are doing throughout the day.
- These are all important skills that will help your child be able to cope with the demands of school.

# Before you child starts Reception

Your child should not be:

- wearing a nappy
  - travelling to school in a buggy
  - drinking from a baby bottle
  - using a dummy
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- **Please do not bring any of these items to school unless you have advised us of a medical reason that it is needed. We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.**

# Homework

- All children in Reception are part of the “Read to Me Venture” which is a parent reading project to encourage you to read to your child.
- There are five levels (copper, bronze, silver, gold, platinum).
- To complete a level you must read 10 high quality books from the recommended reading list to your child.
- You will then be invited to an assembly to receive an award from the Head Teacher.
- When your child is ready, we will send home words and simple books for your child to read to you matched to their RWI level.
- Ideas for maths games you can play with your child will also be sent out over the year.