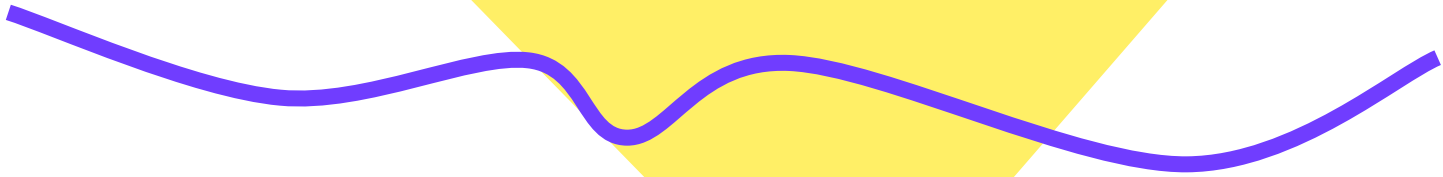




Welcome to  
Kirk Smeaton C of E  
Primary School

Parents Meeting



# 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 on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

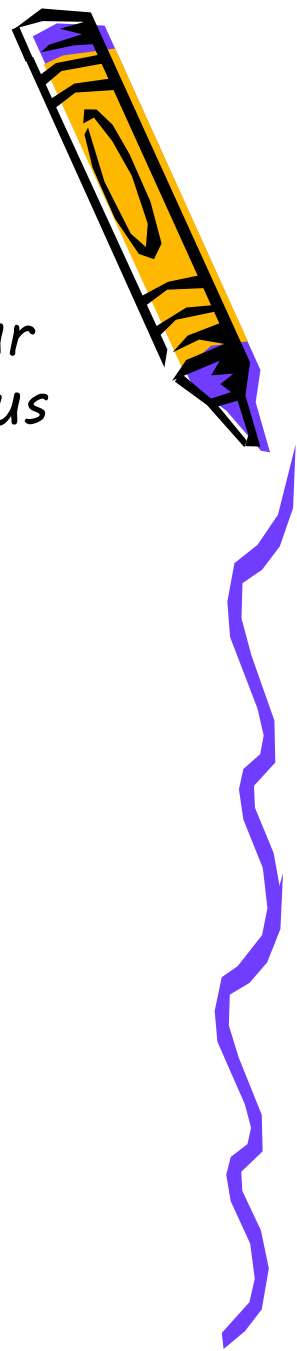


*“Adults who help children to play are adults who help children to learn.”*



# Engaging with Parents

- *At Kirk Smeaton we understand you are your child's first educators. We have a strong focus on partnerships with parents.*
- *Celebration days; sports day, graduation, harvest tea party etc*
- *Parents meetings*
- *Stay and Plays*
- *Notice Board*
- *Tapestry Learning Journeys*
- *Class assemblies*
- *Library Service*



# *The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is divided into Prime and Specific Areas of Learning.*

## *Prime Areas*

*The prime areas are fundamental, work together, and move through to support development in all other areas.*

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

## *Specific Areas*

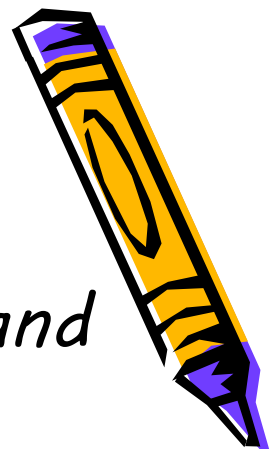
*The specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.*

*Literacy  
Mathematics  
Understanding the world  
Expressive Arts and Design*

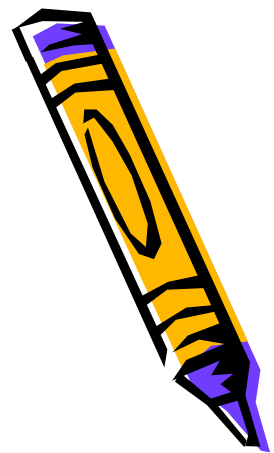


# Monitoring Progress

- Children are observed and their learning and progress monitored on a daily basis.
- Your child's learning throughout Foundation Stage will be documented in a learning journey on Tapestry, an online app.
- We welcome any information you have regarding your child's learning and development.



# How you can find out how your child is settling in?



Children will be issued a key person and this person will be responsible for helping your child to become settled, happy and safe.

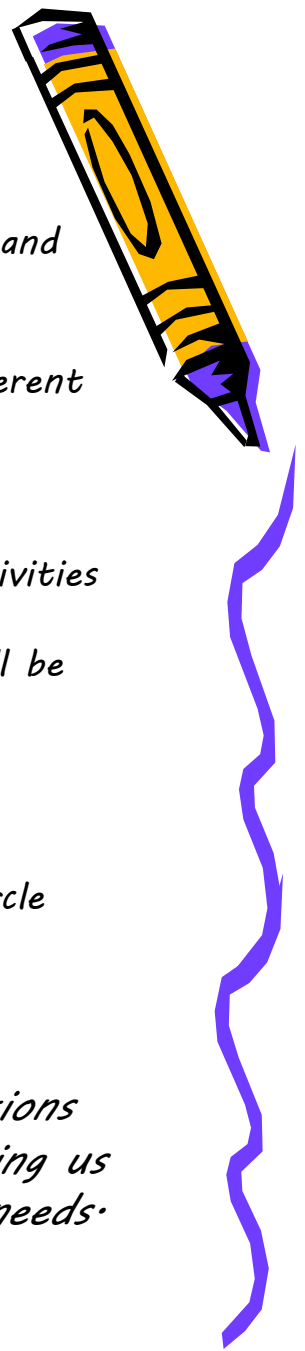
Your Child's Key Person will be **Mrs Whittles**.



# What I will be doing

- 1pm: When children arrive they are asked to self register by finding their name and displaying it in the small pots of sand.
- 1-1.20 pm Children will then be given time with their adult to explore the different activities and time for the carer to say goodbye.
- 1.20-1.30pm Children will do a phonic activity.
- 1.30-2.30pm: Children are then given time to explore the carefully planned activities indoors and outdoors with adults supporting and extending learning. Children are invited to take part in adult led activities at this time. Their water bottles will be available at all times for them to have a drink independently.
- 2.30- 2.45pm: Children will do a number activity.
- Towards the end of the session children will then return to the carpet for a circle time activity and discuss what they have been learning.
- Afternoon session ends 3.15-3.30pm

*We would value any contributions you would like to make in helping us get to know your child's needs.*





# Uniform...

We would love you to send your child in the school uniform

- Tops: white or red top
- Bottoms: black or grey trousers/leggings
- Shoes: Flat black school shoes and wellies for outdoor play that your child can recognise.
- Jewellery: All jewellery should be kept at home with the exception of ear studs.
- P.E. ~ Not required until reception
  
- Uniform with our school logo on can be ordered through our supplier online at <http://www.school-shop.co.uk>



# Clothing...



- Please ensure that your child's name is in all items of clothing, including shoes and wellies!
- 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!
- Your child will be given access to the outdoor area in all weather conditions we will teach the children to change into all in one waterproofs which we will provide. Please provide a pair of wellies that your child can recognise as theirs. (Also labelled)

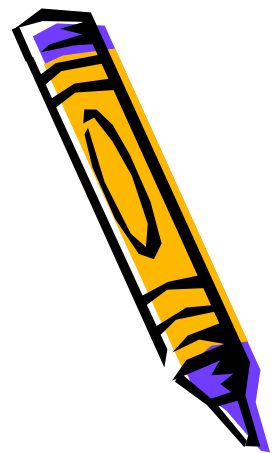


# Medical Matters...

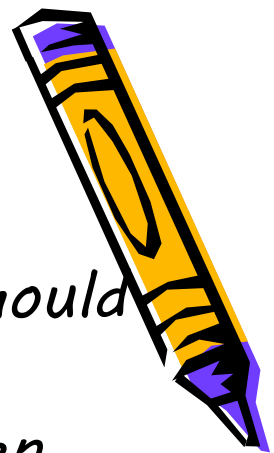
- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48hrs absence.
- Any absence requires a telephone call explaining why.
- Head lice aren't common, however, please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- No medicines can be administered by staff.  
Children with asthma will be helped to take their inhaler.



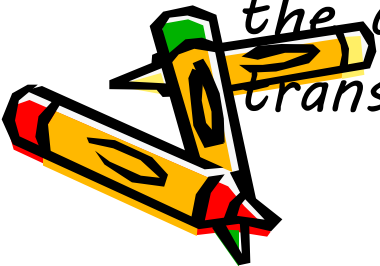
- *We do not encourage holidays to be taken during term time.*
- *Please be punctual as lateness can affect your child's learning.*
- ***PM Session: 1.00pm-3.15/3.30pm***



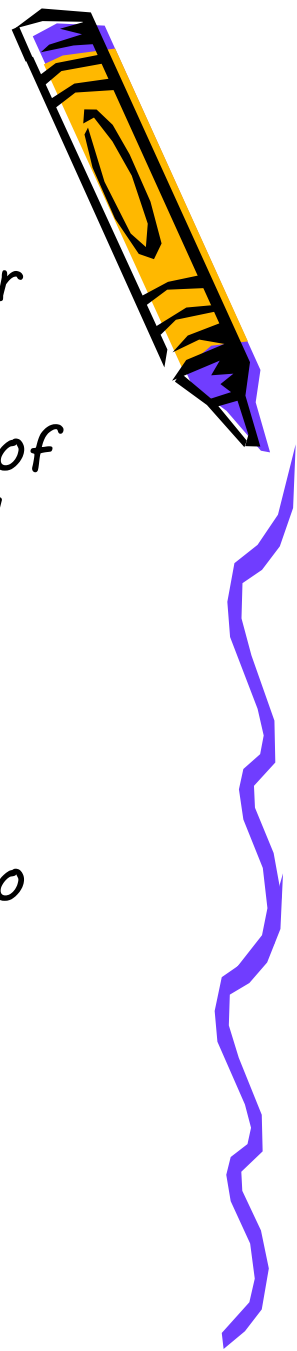
# Additional Information...



- We do try and emphasise that all children should be toilet trained when they begin nursery. However we do understand that some children are still prone to accidents. Please make us aware of this and if possible a change of clothing should be brought with your child to nursery.
- Start dates: Everyone should have received start dates. We recommend that you follow the timings of the session on day one! We can assure you that parents shed more tears than the children. If your child is struggling with the transition we will support you in every way.



# Safeguarding...



- It is our duty as professionals to ensure your children are kept safe.
- Any concerns we have regarding the welfare of any child will be passed on to our designated child protection officers.

*H Cuddy: Head teacher*

*S Wolff: Early Years Leader*

- There will be slips to complete indicating who can collect your child from nursery.



# *Please remember...*

*If you have any concerns or questions, we will be happy to help you.*

*Ms S Wolff and Mrs R Morton ~ FS Leader & Reception Teacher*

*Mrs M Whittles ~ Nursery Teaching assistant*

