

Reception Newsletter



Meadowfield Primary



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Meadowfield Primary School. We hope this leaflet will help prepare your family for the exciting step of starting Reception.

We believe that children learn only when they feel happy, safe and secure. At Meadowfield, we make sure that your child is calm and relaxed from their first day but do not be alarmed if the settling in process takes a little time. It is a big step for both you and your child!

The Early Years are some of the most important steps in your child's education and life and we take great pride in being able to share these with you.

Meet the Team



Mrs Roberts -
Class teacher,
Assistant head



Miss Akhtar -
Class teacher



Mrs Mawson - HLTA



Miss Dickson -
Learning Assistant



Miss Cole -
Learning Assistant



Mrs Rossington -
Learning Assistant

School Uniform

Early years education is about learning through play so please be aware that your child may come home dirty. We often take part in lots of messy activities and we do play out in the rain and mud!

- Red jumper or cardigan
- Black skirt or trousers
- White shirt or t-shirt
- Black comfy shoes
- Wellies, change of clothes and sun hat in a bag
- Waterproof coat

- PE kit
- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black jogging bottoms or leggings
- We normally start PE in the second half term (November time)



Reception Classes

Reception (RRR) - Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mawson and Miss Dickson

Reception (RSA) - Miss Akhtar, Miss Cole and Mrs Rossington



Curiosity Approach Accredited

Did you know we are an accredited setting? The only school in the North of England.



Our Curious Room

The Curriculum

Children play... but they don't just play! Structured play is fun but requires concentration and skill. We offer a planned, play led curriculum where children learn about the world and where they fit into it. They learn to share, co-operate, build relationships, empathise, appreciate and much much more. A wide range of activities is on offered every day and children are encouraged to choose for themselves what they would like to play with. Making decisions develops logical thinking and taking responsibility for themselves is an important part of growing up. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum which is the basis for all of our activities and learning. All areas of learning are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

These three areas, the prime areas are

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



These are four other areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.

The specific areas are:

- literacy
- mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts and design



We build up a profile of every child's development as they progress through reception. Our profiles contain samples of learning, photographs and observations made by staff about the child's learning. We use an online learning journal called Tapestry.

School Lunches

As your child will now be staying for lunch, you will need to decide together whether they will be having a school meal or packed lunch. Children are entitled to a free school meal up to year 2. School meals are served as a family service where children have a choice of two main meals and a vegetarian option. Vegetables, salad and pudding are served daily. The menu changes weekly and is available on the school website to look at together. All meals are healthy and made on the school premises.



Parent Partnership

Educating your child is a three-way partnership between you, your child and us. We value your input and the advice you give us about your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to staff at any time.

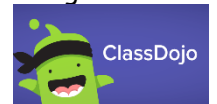
Seeing the world through the eyes of a child is very exciting and with the appropriate adult intervention children learn very quickly. You can help by taking an interest in what is going on in school by discussing it at home, playing games and completing home learning.

Throughout the year we hold 'stay and play/make/read sessions where you will be invited to come in and join the fun!



Class Dojo

When your child starts Reception you will receive a Dojo login this works similar to Facebook and can be accessed on phones and IPad's but is private to your child and class. Your class teacher will be able to post photographs and messages as well as providing a way in which you can also message staff and keep up to date with learning and events.



The School Day

We open the school doors between 8.45 and 8.55am where children are welcomed with toast and a morning activity. Our first session of the day is phonics (RWI) followed by free flow activities and maths. In an afternoon we have a topic session, milk and fruit, free flow learning and group activities. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.