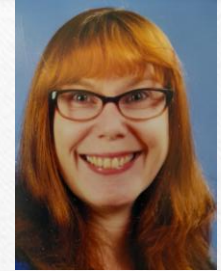


Welcome to Reception at  
Aycliffe Drive Primary School

# Reception Staff



EYFS Senior Leader: Mrs Long



EYFS Phase Leader: Ms Cross



Ash: Miss Deas

Elm: Mrs Barton and Mrs Long (Fridays)



EYFS Practitioners:

Mrs Thomas

Miss Hoy

Mrs Ellis



Learning Support Assistant: Miss Weeks



# What will my child be learning?

There are 7 areas of learning:

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## Three Prime Areas

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

## Four specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

# Outdoor Learning and Forest School

The children will attend regular forest school sessions throughout the year, run by Miss Cross (Qualified Forest School Leader)



# Outdoor Learning and Forest School

- At Aycliffe Drive we are passionate about developing the whole child, not just their academic ability
- Forest school is about using the outdoors to promote confidence, self-esteem and independence
- At Forest School there are no wrong answers. Children are able to take risks in a controlled environment and encouraged to move away from adult interaction, taking responsibility for themselves and others
- Activities are designed to help build children's confidence, concentration and independence with positive effects on their behaviour, social, emotional and physical skills both in and out of the classroom

Evidence shows that *“the main outcome of Forest School is the nurturing, support and development of self-esteem of participants, so that they have a sense of self-worth and value themselves.”*

# Forest School Sessions

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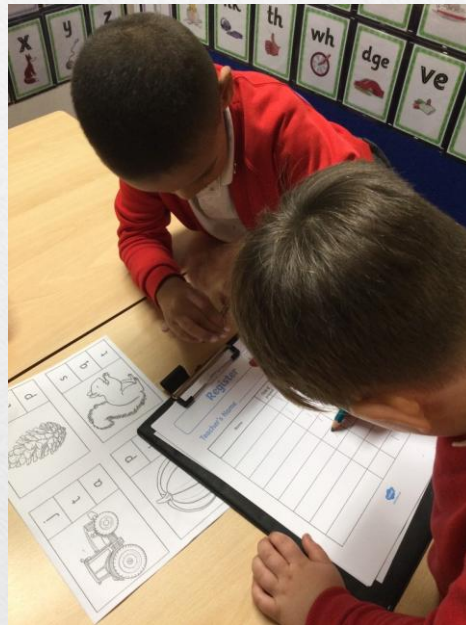


The children will attend forest school sessions throughout the year, run by Miss Cross (Forest School Leader)

Forest school sessions will be on Thursday.  
One session every 3 weeks.  
Please check the newsletter for your groups dates.  
A letter will follow regarding what kit the children will need.

All this learning takes place **indoors**  
**and outdoors**  
no matter what the weather!

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# A typical day in Reception



8.20 to 8:30am – Fine motor  
(Wednesday Reading with Parents -  
information will follow after half term)

8.30am: Registration

Carpet: Phonics

Phonics Groups

Carpet: Literacy

Snack time

Free flow and adult-led provision

Handwriting, Spelling, Sentence activities

11.45am to 12.45pm - Lunch

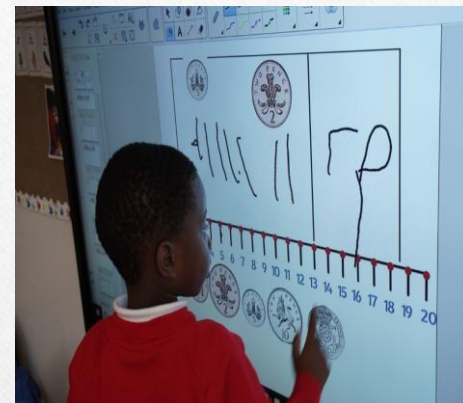
12.45pm: Registration

Carpet: Maths –number focus

Free flow and adult-led provision

Storytime / Singing

3.00pm – Home time



\*PE and Forest School  
Thursday mornings

\*Special events refer to  
HT newsletter and  
school emails/website

# Development areas to help your child...

When your child starts Reception there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered:

## Self-care:

- Go to the toilet by self
- Be able to wash own hands
- Put on own shoes and socks
- Put on coat and do zip
- Eat using knife and fork

## Speaking, Reading & Writing:

- Show an interest in books
- Recognise own name
- Talk about themselves, needs & feelings
- Ask and answer simple questions

## Listening and understanding:

- Be able to tidy up
- Follow instructions
- Share and take turns
- Talk to other children

## Understanding the world:

- Talk to your child about seasonal changes
- Discuss special events and activities involved
- People who help in communities
- Develop vocabulary e.g. old and new

# Reading at home

- The school policy is to read at home 5 days a week
- An adult needs to fill in their recording every time they read with any words they found difficult, the page they read and sign it
- The book is matched to the taught Phonic's from the previous week
- Books will only been changed once they have been read twice
- Usually Monday, Wednesday and Friday

## Parent Consultations

- We have two parent meetings per year
- We discuss your child's end of year expectation, progress and their next steps in learning
- You can see the type of activities we are doing in class through our monthly class newsletter (more details on this to come)

# Things your child will need for school

Book bag



Water bottle



Indoor shoes



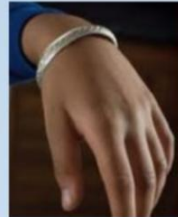
Book bags are available from the school office

# Jewellery

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Small studs



Compulsory religious  
jewellery



Red, black. White or  
grey simple hair  
accessories

# PE uniform

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# PE

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- PE lessons will take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**
- We cannot change for PE so on these days children will need to wear their PE kit to school.

**Plain black shorts,  
plain white T-shirt.  
School jumper or  
black fleece**

**No football tops**

**No blades or studs  
trainers**

# Lateness and Absences

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Aycliffe Drive Primary School will not authorise any holidays during term time. Doors open at 8:20 and close at 8:30, after this your child will be marked as late. Home time is 3pm.

We aim for 97%



# Parent Details

In you pack you will have received a request for parent details and emergency contacts

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- 1) Ensure the office has three contact numbers in case your child falls ill or there is an emergency
- 2) Photos of your child need consent – check your status on Arbor
- 3) Password for collection



# Questions

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- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Class teacher: Mrs Barton (Elm) Class teacher: Miss Deas (Ash) Headteacher: Mrs Atkinson.
- You can email [admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@aycliffedrive.herts.sch.uk)