

# Welcome to Frenchwood Community Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage



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We are delighted that you have chosen Frenchwood Community Primary School for your child. We look forward to building a good home/ school partnership that will provide the foundations for a successful and happy school life.

## Our Early Years Team



Ms S Patel  
Ducklings Teacher  
EYFS Lead



Mrs D Dutton  
Cygnets Teacher



Miss E Hobson  
EYFS HLTA



Mrs T Ibitoye  
HLTA and PPA Cover



Mrs Z Nakhuda  
TA



Mrs S Mohammad  
TA

Miss I Darr  
TA

# Our School Staff



Mrs C Antwis  
Head Teacher



Mr S McLoughlin  
Deputy Head Teacher



Mr T O'Beirne  
Assistant Head Teacher



Mrs S Wilkinson  
Inclusion Lead



Mrs H Patel  
Office Manager



Mrs J Hobson  
Pupil Support  
Attendance Lead



Mrs L Robinson  
Office Staff



Ms L Ali  
Office Staff

# Early Years

Our Nursery and Reception children work and learn together in our Early Years Unit. The children will be grouped into two mixed classes:

**Ducklings and Cygnets.**

## The Curriculum

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This has seven areas of learning:

Three prime areas:

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

Four specific areas:

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

These are taught through topics which have been carefully planned to engage and interest the children and which allow opportunity for children's own interests to be planned and explored.

## Reading/Phonics

At Frenchwood we use the 'Read Write Inc' scheme to teach children to read. You can find out more about the programme by visiting: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/> At the start every child will be given a reading record and a wordless book to read at home. Once your child starts to read and blend words they will move on from wordless books to word books. These books will be changed once a week. The children will visit our school library every Monday and will select a book to take home and share for the week.

## NumBots

Numbots is an interactive online learning platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall in basic mental maths and equipping them with maths confidence. Each child will receive their unique username and password during their first week in school .



## Outdoor Learning

We have an Outdoor Free Flow learning environment which the children can access throughout the year. We provide wellies and puddle suits for the children to wear in wet weather. Please send your child with an easy to fasten coat suitable for that time of the year.



## The School Day

We will open our doors at 8.45am to ensure our children are on time ready to start their day. Reception children will attend school from 8.55am until 3.15pm. Nursery children will attend morning sessions from 8.45am till 11.45am.

Any absences need to be reported to the class teacher via Class Dojo by 8.30am. After 8.30am, please ring the school office. Please ensure all children are in school on time otherwise this has an impact on their learning. All children need to be in class for registration by 9.00am – late arrivals will be marked as a late on the register.

## Home Time

At home time the doors will open from 3.00pm. For safeguarding purposes, only the named adults will be allowed to collect the child. In the case of an emergency please notify the school office (01772 253244) to make arrangements.

## Our Daily Routine

- Children will hang up their coats and bags on their named peg (this will have their picture on)
- Children will self register and select their dinner from the choices provided. All of our hot school dinners are vegetarian. We are a meat and nut free school! Children may also bring their own healthy packed lunch if you wish.
- Children can bring in their own named water bottle (sports top) to drink water at any time during the day.
- The first week of school will be when the children and teachers learn lots about each other, we will explore the room, make new friends and begin to set a routine for our school day.
- We will be doing Phonics/Maths/Literacy and Learning Together daily.
- Ducklings will be doing PE (Physical Education) on a Tuesday and Cygnets will be doing PE on Thursdays. Children will come to school wearing their PE Kits.

## Snack Time

All children will receive free fruit and vegetables daily. Children will receive milk free of charge until the term they turn 5 years old.

## Lunch Time

All Reception children are entitled to a Universal Free School meal. We provide options of a hot school dinner or a sandwich with salad and a dessert.

## School Website

Parents and children are encouraged to visit the school website for news/events and class information. Each class has their own web page and will have information on current learning. There are also links to other sites to support learning.

## Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo as a means of communication and to share children's learning on a daily basis. We encourage all parents to use the app to share home learning and key messages. Please download the Class Dojo app and follow the instructions. Your personal code will be provided to you.

## Visits/Trips

During the year we will be visiting the local area to support us in our learning. We will also be inviting lots of different people into school to help us provide our children with exciting experiences and opportunities. Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to volunteer and come on our trips with us.

## Special Educational Needs

Our Inclusion Lead is Mrs S Wilkinson who is always on hand to discuss any concerns or individual needs of our children. We have a wonderful Sensory Room with a range of sensory toys and a purpose built Sensory Pod. If you wish to discuss your child's learning please speak to a member of our Early Years team or arrange an appointment with the Inclusion Lead.



## Before Starting School

There are lots of things you can do at home to help your child get ready for school. Read some books about starting school from the library. Show them their name and help them to recognise what it looks like. Count different objects with them so they are familiar with numbers.

Help your child become as independent as is possible by encouraging and helping them to:

- Use the toilet and wash their hands.
- Dress themselves.
- Use a tissue to wipe their nose.
- Share toys and take turns.
- Put their toys away in the correct place.

Please Note: If your child isn't toilet trained at the start of their reception year, please notify us before they start. We can support and make arrangements to help develop their independence.



