

Welcome to
Monks Orchard Primary
School

Reception
2020-2021

Reception Class

Yellow Class

Mrs Rees
Mrs Busuttill

Our Day: 8.30am - 2.30pm

Lunch Time: 11.30am - 12.15pm

No Break Time: Free flow play, both indoor and outdoor.

Outdoor Learning: Settings must provide access to outdoor experiences *daily*.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The main principles of the EYFS are:

- ✓ To ensure that every child has the best possible start in life.
- ✓ That each child has the support they need to fulfil their potential.
- ✓ Good parental partnership.
- ✓ High quality early learning.

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Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – engagement

Finding out and exploring
 Playing with what they know
 Being willing to “have a go”

Active Learning – motivation

Being involved and concentrating
 Keeping on trying
 Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

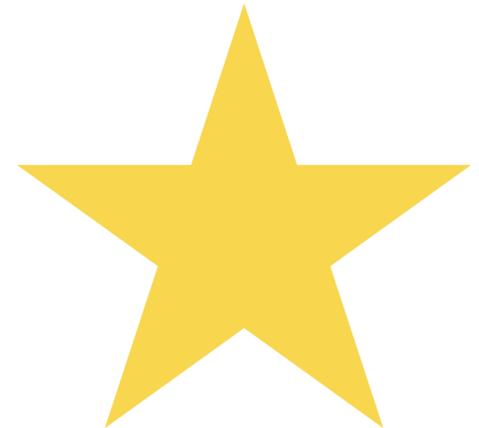
Creating and thinking critically – thinking

Having their own ideas
 Making links
 Choosing ways to do things

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	1. Making Relationships. 2. Self-confidence and self-awareness. 3. Managing feelings and behaviour.
Physical Development	4. Moving and handling. 5. Health and self-care.
Communication and Language	6. Listening and attention. 7. Understanding. 8. Speaking.
Specific Areas	
Literacy	9. Reading. 10. Writing.
Mathematics	11. Numbers. 12. Shape, space and measure.
Understanding the World	13. People and communities. 14. The world. 15. Technology.
Expressive Arts and Design	16. Exploring and using media and materials. 17. Being imaginative.

WOW Moments

Here in the Early Years, we get as excited as you do watching your child grow and develop, and would like to celebrate all their achievements - whether they happen at school or at home with you. We would love to hear from you about what your child enjoys or achieves.



Settling in

We settle the children into their new environment over a period of one week.

Mrs Rees will be writing to you separately to explain how we are settling in children this year.

Due to the current Corvid 19 pandemic, we have had to change our normal settling in routine.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch on...

intake2020@monksorchard.co.uk

Learning Journeys

- A record of your child's progress throughout their time in the Early Years.
- We keep our observations, photos, the child's work and assessments in the folder.
- The children have access to them throughout the day.
- Both YOUR CHILD and YOU have a 'voice'! We love to hear about what you do at home, any new achievements, places you've been...
- Next Steps are shared.
- Parents' Evenings during the Autumn and Spring terms to share your child's progress against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.
- School Reports are sent out in the Summer term.

What will my child need every day?

- ❖ Their named school uniform.
- ❖ A named coat, preferably with a hood.
- ❖ Sensible footwear - Velcro please! 😊
- ❖ Their Book Bag and water bottle - named.
- ❖ We provide each child with a fresh piece of fruit every day.
- ❖ No jewellery - for your child's safety.
- ❖ A named pair of wellington boots, a waterproof jacket and a sun hat which can be left at school.

Home Visits and Getting to Know You Sessions

- ❖ Due to the current situation with Corvid-19 we will not be doing our usual home visits and getting to know you sessions.
- ❖ Instead, if you are new to the school and did not come to our Nursery, we will be inviting you to come and visit the school at the beginning of September.
- ❖ These visits are by appointment only and Mrs Rees will send you a separate invitation.

It would be great if you could...

- ❖ 'Chat' to your child - about anything!
- ❖ Play listening games.
- ❖ Help your child to learn several nursery rhymes off by heart.
- ❖ Go to the library and read lots of stories.
- ❖ Recognise and write their name - capital letter at the beginning.
- ❖ Count objects e.g. stairs, buses, food etc.
- ❖ Encourage your child to pass on simple messages and carry out simple instructions.
- ❖ Help them to become as independent as possible - let them get dressed themselves, put on their own coat and attempt to do it up.

And finally...

Thank you for choosing Monks Orchard, we look forward to meeting you all in September.