Welcome to Early Years @ Bagshot Infants

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# There are 2 reception classes.

Cherry: Miss Hill, Mrs Milman and Miss Waghorne.

## Maple: Mrs Putman, Mrs Winter and Mrs Glowacka.



<u>Children in Reception learn through play, exploring,</u> <u>investigating, finding out, trial and error.</u>

The Early Years curriculum has 3 Prime Areas and 4 Specific Areas:

> <u>Prime Areas:</u> Communication and Language. Physical development. Personal, Social and Emotional development.

> > <u>Specific Areas</u> Expressive Arts and Design Mathematics Literacy Understanding the World



Children will also develop skills of perseverance, motivation, involvement, concentration, having a go, independence and problem solving. (thinking, trying, exploring)

We call these the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL)and they underpin the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Later on we will be introducing these to the children in a friendly way represented by Dinosaurs and we will send a letter to explain at a later date.





In the moment planning

We assess and plan from the children's interests. This can often mean that children will be exploring different things from each class, however each child will have the opportunity to visit that class during independent learning.

From October half term we will begin the first cycle of in the moment observations. Each child will be a focus for a week, we will observe that child and move them on in their play, fulfilling the next steps there and then. We expect you to be a part of this and you will be given a form to complete.



As well as independent, child-led learning, the children will take part in some adult-led learning.

This will include reading:

- The children will be bringing reading books home each week.
- The children will read individually each week to an adult in school.
  - To start with children will have un-worded books even if your child can read.
  - Children need to develop story telling and imagination in order to fully access the world of reading books.
- Please spend time looking at the pictures and asking your child to talk about what they see, what might be happening, what the characters are thinking or feeling as well as predicting what will happen on the next page.



The school expectation is that you read with your child at least 3 times a week!

Children will also learn phonics:

They will come home with sounds to learn.

Some useful websites for you include

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/alphablocks/

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk



### <u>Class Toy.</u>

Each class has 2 class toys and every Friday two children from each class will take home one of the class toys. Please can this toy become part of your family for the weekend, and enjoy all of your activities with you and your family. We would love it if you are able to record your weekend with photos, pictures or writing, (this could be adult written). Please bring the toy back to school on <u>Monday</u> morning so your child can share their adventures with their class.

#### <u>Milk</u>

Children aged 4 receive milk in school, once you have registered online. Once your child turns 5, a small payment is required. Children receive a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables each day in reception.



#### Proud clouds

We would love to hear about your child's achievements at home. They may have learned how to ride a bike, or how to swim. They may recognise numbers or letters on a shop sign.

Please write your child's achievements on a 'cloud shape' for us and ask the children to show their teacher so we can then share with the class and proudly display them on our 'Proud Cloud' board in our cloakroom.

Parents/ carers notice board

We will keep you informed of activities/ events via our parents board which is situated on the side of the Reception building. Every week we will send home 'Peek at the Week', and we also have our school website

www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk



#### <u>General Points:</u>

- If somebody different is picking up your child at the end of the day please give their details to your child's class teacher at the gate.
- If you child is sick or has diarrhoea the period of absence from school is 48 hours from the last bout. Even if your child is feeling well, it is in order to stop the spread of infection that is still present. Please let us know if your child is ill. The school telephone number is 01276 473385
- Please name all clothing and possessions including PE kits. PE is on a Tuesday. PE kits can be brought in on Mondays and left on pegs until Fridays when we will remind the children to bring them home.
- Please encourage the children to practice dressing and undressing as well as turning clothes the right way.
- If there is anything you are unsure about please come in and discuss



it with us. We hope to build a positive and happy partnership between school and home where the children are at the heart. This splodge is part of my lunch. I am trying so hard to use a knife and fork correctly when I eat. I'm sorry that my uniform got dirty today but it helps to show what I have been learning!

Painting helps me to develop my creativity. Sometimes I accidentally get paint on my shirt as I work.

> Sometimes my uniform comes home a little wet. I learn huge amounts of Science and Maths when I play in the water tray!

The Mud Kitchen is very messy but it helps me to develop my imagination and use of descriptive language.

This black mark was made with a pen. I am trying so hard to develop my writing and drawing skills.

> This grass stain shows that I have been using the outdoor area to develop my physical skills.

Big movements like running and jumping help me to get better with small movements like writing!