



St. Wulstan's Catholic
Primary School
Parent Induction
Information
2020

The Early Years Foundation Stage

When the children start school they continue their journey through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). They build on whatever preschool experience they have had. All the children, regardless of their previous experiences and ability, follow the EYFS curriculum. However, activities are always adapted to meet the needs of the individual child.

During their time in Reception, the children will have a range of experiences and learning opportunities which they will build on throughout their time in school.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is split into seven areas of learning, which are separated into prime and specific areas ...

Prime Areas

1. Personal, social and emotional development
2. Communication, and language
3. Physical Development

Specific Areas

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive Arts and Design

A day in Reception

- 8:50 - Doors open, children welcomed and self registration.
- 9:00 - All children in class ready for whole class registration and assembly.
- Morning session 1 - Phonics / Maths focus groups / continuous provision (playing!)
- 10:30 - Playtime
- 10:45 - 11:00 - Fruit and Milk
- Morning session 2 - Phonics / Maths focus groups / continuous provision.
- 12:00 - Jumping Jaxx
- 12:15 - 1:30 - Lunchtime
- Afternoon session - Topic work / continuous provision
- 2:45 - 2:55 - Playtime
- 3:00 - Whole class story time
- 3:30 - Home time!

Helping your child at home - developing their Literacy skills:

- Share books, talk about the pictures and make predictions.
- Read home reading book daily and make comments in the reading diary.
- Encourage children to talk about and retell the stories they have read and you have read to them.
- Recap phonic sounds and tricky words.
- Encourage any mark making, shopping list, drawing pictures, painting etc.

Helping your child at home - developing their maths skills:

- Practise counting throughout daily activities-climbing the stairs, shopping, setting the table for tea, counting how many different coloured cars they can see etc.
- Discuss real life maths problems e.g. how many forks do we need for tea? Who has the most / least in their cup?
- Play simple board games
- Sing number rhymes and songs together
- Create opportunities to write numbers
- Point out and encourage the children to recognise numbers in the environment e.g. Numbers on front doors, on car number plates, prices in the supermarket.
- Encourage children to watch Numberblocks - we use Numberblocks when teaching Maths in school and the children love it!

Other Matters...

- Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible - encourage them to attempt getting dressed on their own. Things to practice - putting on socks, tights and doing up buttons. This will be a huge help them when we do P.E.
- Please ensure that names are on EVERYTHING - particularly shoes!!!
- Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child - we will check if we are unsure.
- Children need to have their P.E. kit in school every day - we will send it home at the end of each half term to be washed.
- Children will need a coat everyday so they can explore outdoors regardless of the weather.

Activity ideas to help to prepare your child for school...

Please remember that every child is different - if your child cannot do some of these things yet that is fine! They will get their in their own time!

- Fine motor activities - threading beads, picking small bits up from the table, using tongs/tweezers to pick up bits
- Practise recognising and writing their name. Make it more exciting by writing in sand, salt, glitter, rice.
- Draw lines for your child to trace over - use straight and wavy lines. Once they can do this, draw dots for them to join up.
- Sorting - encourage your child to help you with the washing - can they sort all of the socks? Can they sort all of the white clothes.
- Practise cutting skills using children's scissors. Cut a variety of materials - paper, card, playdough, cooked pasta.
- Begin recognising numbers - spot them on houses, car number plates, in books - anywhere!
- Play with play dough - pinching, squeezing, rolling, cutting - all of these things will help to strengthen their hand muscles in preparation for writing.

Activity ideas to help to prepare your child for school

- Practise using a knife and fork independently
- Practise getting dressed and undressed - socks, shoes and coats children all find tricky!
- Encourage turn taking, language and maths skills by playing board games
- Play Simon Says game to develop listening skills and following instructions
- Share stories - encouraging children to have a go at 'reading' the story for themselves. Lots of children have a favourite story that they can begin to start retelling using the pictures to help them.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes
- Role play schools - most children who will be joining us in September have had lots of time at home with you due to Coronavirus. Children will most likely be feeling anxious about starting school even if they went to nursery full time before they were closed. Role playing schools will help children begin to understand what school will be like. Practise saying goodbye, taking off coats, writing names, reading stories etc. It might encourage children to ask questions about school, and it may enable you to get more of an understanding about how they are feeling about starting. It's also your opportunity to reassure children that school is somewhere that they will go to learn and have fun.

What do children need for September?

Girls:

- Grey pinafore or skirt
- White shirt and school tie
- Red or grey cardigan
- Grey or white socks



Boys:

- Grey school trousers
- White shirt and school tie.
- Red or grey jumper



School ties can be purchased from the office

What do children need for September?

P.E Kit:

All children will need a white polo shirt, red shorts (you can find these on Amazon) and black pumps. Polo shirts with the St Wulstan's emblem are available from Marks and Spencers. Children will need to keep their kit in a drawstring bag.



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Book bag - Can be bought online from Marks and Spencers.



School water bottle - These can be purchased from the school office.

Keeping up to date with what is happening in school...



- All important information including term and calendar dates, policies and regularly updated class pages can be found on our school website as well as on the School Life app.
- Every Friday Mrs Savage writes a newsletter with a round up of what has been happening in school throughout the week. The newsletter also highlights important events that are coming up. The newsletter is published on the website and can be accessed through the school life app.
- Login details will be issued when your child starts in September, if you already have a child at the St Wulstan's details will be given to help you add your child to this account.
- It is very important that every family has the School Life app as this also sends you a push notification and messages of any important information including if we needed to close the school.

We are a cashless school



- All payments for trips, lunches or other items, need to be made via Parentpay.
- School lunches need to be booked via this site, even if you don't have to pay for the lunch. All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a hot dinner however these must be booked in advance using parent pay. You can book meals for the whole half term which means you don't have to remember to book each week!
- A login will be given to you in September when you child has started school.
- Due to Coronavirus we are not sure what will be happening with hot school lunches in September at the moment. Once we know this information we will inform you.

Contact Us

- Please feel free to email us with any questions, we are here to help! The Reception Class 2020 email address can be found in your induction pack.
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