

Welcome to Oakdene Primary School



- Starting Reception -
Information for parents



The Reception Team



Teacher
Mrs Hood (formerly Miss Doyle)
Early Years Lead

Teaching Assistant
Miss Slevin



Our School Day...

- ✓ Mrs Hood (formerly Miss Doyle) will be the Reception class teacher.
- ✓ There will be 1 Reception class.
Children will have access to their Reception classroom (Oak Room), 'busy time' area (The Orchard) and the Early Years Outdoor Area.
- ✓ Children will line up along the fence. It will be signposted with '**Mrs Hood**'. You will both come down the stairs and your child will independently enter via the Reception door at 8:50am. There should only be one adult accompanying your child to school.
- ✓ They will hang their coats up on their labelled peg, go into their Reception room (Oak Room) and get busy.
- ✓ Children will continue to access the outdoor learning environment shared with Nursery.

Start Date and Times

My first day...
(Staggered start over 3 days)

✓ **Week Commencing Monday 6th September 2021.** Some children will start Monday, with other children starting Tuesday and Wednesday.

✓ Please line up on Key Stage 1 playground, along the fence (signposted as **'Mrs Hood's Reception class'**)

✓ You will be greeted by Mrs Hood and asked to come down the stairs.

✓ Children enter independently through the Reception door with Mrs Hood.

✓ Drop off at 8:50a.m (Please adhere to start times. Do not arrive before 8.50a.m.)

✓ Doors close at 9a.m. so registers can be taken.

✓ Lunch 1 hour 11.30am - 12.30pm

✓ Collection: 3:10pm (Please adhere to collection times to avoid queuing and congestion). Please note, only one adult to collect child.



The Foundation Stage Curriculum

In Reception, children continue to be taught and offered the EYFS curriculum

- Prime Areas
- Specific Areas

Assessed through observations



Phonics teaching

PLAY!

English and maths skills

Early Learning Goals - assessed at the end of the year and reported to parents

Outdoor access



Our Reception topics

Autumn Term

Autumn 1 - What is a Superhero?

Autumn 2 - Let's Celebrate!

Spring Term

Spring 1 - What's it like in Outer Space?

Spring 2 - Amazing Animals

Summer Term

Summer 1 - Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Summer 2 - Let me show you.

Learning Outside the Classroom

We are committed to children having regular opportunities to learn outside the classroom.

School Grounds -
Forest Areas
- Sycamore Garden
- Main Forest



Exploration,
imagination,
curiosity,
questioning
(to name a few!)

Specifically trained Forest
School leaders across Key
Stages.



Parental Support - suitable
footwear (wellies) in school



Mighty Warriors

✓ Every Thursday morning, all children in Reception participate in a 'Mighty Warriors' yoga session with their class teacher and Might Warriors leader, Nicola.

✓ No PE kit is required - children take off their socks, tights and shoes.

✓ 1 child from each group is chosen as 'Warrior of the week'. They will come home with a sticker and a certificate.



Woodwork Wednesday

✓ Woodwork Wednesday has been introduced to our Nursery and Reception children of the past few years.

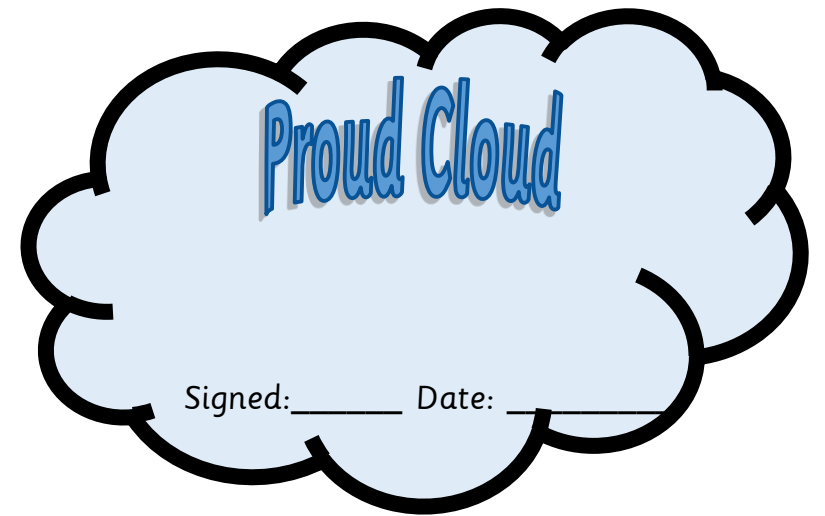
✓ Over the year, they are introduced to a variety of tools and will learn how to use them safely under the supervision of an adult.

✓ Their skills will develop and progress from initial tool exploration to creating individual pieces of work.



Learning Journey

- ✓ We observe the children to find out what they already know and can do in order for us to plan effectively to maximise learning and build on their interests.
- ✓ Each child has their own "Learning Journey" where we keep evidence of their learning and samples of work or photographs of what they have been doing.
- ✓ We also invite parents/carers to offer information from home with regards to your child's interests and development using our 'Proud Clouds'.



Other EYFS information...

- ✓ Notifications and messages will be sent via *Marvellous Me*; please ensure you have signed up.
- ✓ Newsletters will continue to be posted on the school website.
- ✓ **Star of the Week** - Barney and Bessie Bear are currently enjoying their time at school. You will be notified if your child is Star of the Week via *Marvellous Me* and will receive a photograph of your child having a special 'congratulations cuddle' with Barney and Bessie.
- ✓ NHS North Tees and Hartlepool Oral Health 'Tooth Brushing Scheme' (Whole school agreement on no sweets, cakes, sugary drinks, other than with main meal). Please note that no sweets or cakes will be accepted for children's birthdays.
- ✓ Mrs Elsherif - FSO - Family Support Officer. Can be contacted via telephoning the school office.

What next?

- ✓ Explore the photographs on the page to familiarise yourself and your child with their new areas, including drop off points.
- ✓ Label all school uniform including water bottles.
- ✓ Ensure all school registration forms are completed and returned to school.
- ✓ Get excited with your child! They will be excited to start school and will want you to be excited too.

School readiness

- ✓ Hand washing - thoroughly!
- ✓ Know when they need the toilet
- ✓ No dummies
- ✓ Putting on and taking off coat independently
- ✓ Recognising name for peg/tray
- ✓ Ask your child to help you get their uniform and water bottle ready.
- ✓ No PE kit required.

The Road To School

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

Speaking & literacy

- I like to read stories & look at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy making marks
- I am practising holding a pencil

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I like playing games with others
- I like interacting with other children

Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash and dry my hands without any help

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

What are you looking forward to the most?
Is there anything you're unsure of?

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

School bus