

Welcome to Haddenham Community Infant School, Early Years Foundation Stage



Learning in the Foundation Stage

At HCIS we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework (EYFS). There are 3 **prime** areas and 4 **specific** areas learning.

Prime Areas

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

Specific Areas

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

Learning in the Foundation Stage

There is also a strong focus on developing the characteristics of effective learning, which are:

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 trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing new ways to do things

Indoor and Outdoor Curriculum

The outdoor curriculum is an **essential** extension of the indoor classroom and is considered to be of equal importance.



Outdoor learning



A Typical Day in Reception



Mrs Crump



Miss Lewis



Mrs Bryson

8:40

- The school gates are opened for parents and children to make their way to the gate of the Early Years outdoor area where they will be greeted by the Early Years team.



9:00

- Children are registered and talk about the activities and independent challenges for the day.



9:15

- First lesson- this is a whole class adult guided session and will be a phonics session or a maths or literacy session.
- Throughout the day the children will complete adult guided and independent activities linked to our weekly learning.



10.00 onwards

- We have a snack table in our classroom which is opened for the children at 10am so that they can have their fruit and milk



10:45

- The children will take part in another adult guided short session together on the carpet for either maths or literacy.



11.50

Lunch Time in the hall!

- Children in reception and key stage 1 are entitled to a hot school meal and we are partnered with [Homemade@Haddenham St Mary's](#) who provide the meals.
- If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch, you need to provide them with one in a named lunch box.



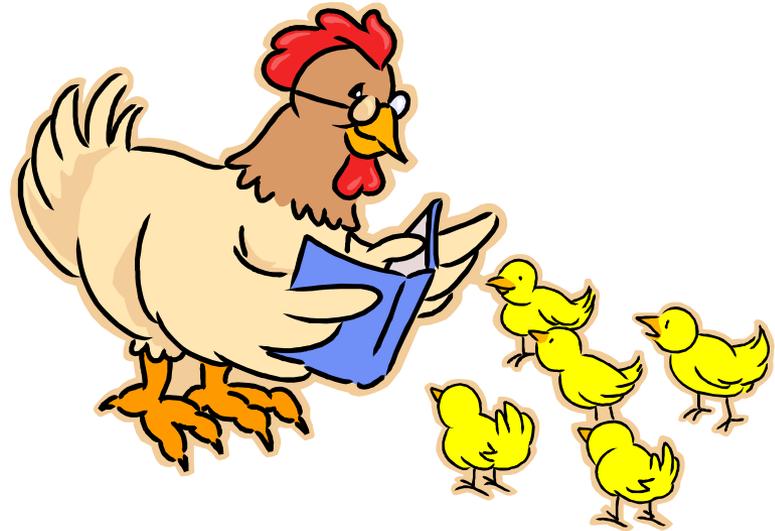
1:00

- Register followed by a third session and further adult guided and child initiated independent activities and the opportunity to complete adult initiated challenges.



2.30

- Finish activities for the day. – Tidy up time.
- Followed by story time.



3:15

Home time!

- Children to be collected from the gate of the Early Years outdoor area.



Parental Involvement

- If you haven't already, please sign your child up to a morning **or** afternoon introduction session on Tuesday 5th July and Monday 11th July. Your child is invited to attend a session on **both** days. The first day, you are invited to join your child.
- Once children have settled into the school routine we welcome parents to help us as often as possible.
- Parents have the opportunity to contribute to their child's learning journal which is a secure online record for staff and families to celebrate their children's learning and development. We use Tapestry (more details to follow).
- A newsletter will be sent home with suggested fun activities to do with your children.

September settling in sessions

- This will help us to get to know your child and to help them to settle as quickly as possible.

September settling in sessions:	
Tuesday 6th September 9.15am - 11.30am	Settling in session
Wednesday 7th September 9.15am - 11.30am	Settling in session
Thursday 8th September 9.15am - 11.30am	Settling in session
Friday 9th September 9.15am - 12.00pm	Settling in session with lunch.
Monday 12th September	Full time school starts for all Reception children School day starts at 8.45am - 3.15pm

A reminder to also sign up online for your 'Getting to know your child' meeting in the first week in September. Please bring along your entry questionnaire form.

New Starter Getting to Know Your Child Meeting

Things to develop before starting school

- Dressing and undressing independently
- Using the toilet independently
- Opening and closing water bottles, food packets etc.
- Confidently saying goodbye to carer
- Recognising own written name
- Reading and enjoying stories and nursery rhymes with your child
- Counting everything and everywhere!

Things to bring to school:

- A named bottle of water.
- A warm coat, hat and gloves in cold or mild weather.
- Wellies that will stay at school - we play outside in all weathers.
- A waterproof coat with hood in mild weather.
- A sun hat in hot weather.
- Book bags every day (no rucksacks).
- On P.E. day, the children will come to school dressed in their P.E. kits.



Please name all items!

Any questions or concerns

- There will always be time for you to talk to the class teacher or the class teaching assistant about any questions or worries you may have... No matter how big or small.
- The best time to catch us is after school for a short chat/meeting or make an appointment through the school office if you feel you require a longer meeting.

