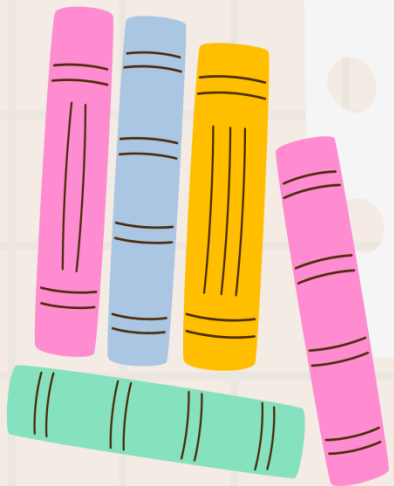
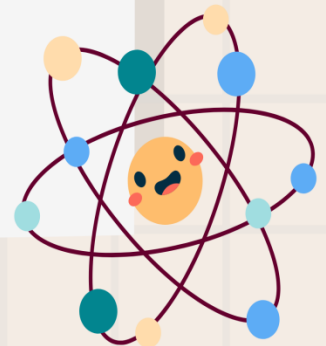




Welcome to Reception



We can't wait to meet you all in Reception!

Your Teacher will be Mrs Hughes

Here you will find all the Reception information you need and pictures of the new classroom to help you prepare your child over the summer holidays.

We ask Parents/Carers to familiarise yourself with all the information and allow your child time to visit the photographs and talk about their new start in September.

If you have any questions, worries or would like more information contact:
earlyyears@flashley.staffs.sch.uk



What Will I Need to bring to Reception?



A bag you can carry yourself — backpacks are great for keeping hands free!



Bring your reading record to school each day 😊

A coat and some wellies — if you can provide a pair of named wellies that can be left in Reception this is really useful for when we play out in all weathers and take part in Forest School.



Please label all my belongings clearly with my name.

What I don't need:

- A water bottle — we encourage the use of open cups and jugs to pour for ourselves in Reception. Juice will not be permitted.
- Snacks — we offer fruit and vegetables daily. In line with government healthy eating guidance we cannot offer alternative snacks.
- Shoes with laces — please be mindful that we may not be able to tie these yet 😊

What will I wear in Reception?

Your child will need a school uniform for Reception.

This consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt
- A blue jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers/skirt
- Blue summer dresses/Shorts in Summer term
- Black school shoes – trainers are not permitted.

Branded Flash Ley uniform can be purchased at Crested School wear online.



Reception have PE once a week so come to school in your PE kit on your PE day:

- A T-Shirt in your house colour
- Shorts/leggings or joggers
- Pumps or trainers



How can I be ready for Reception?

Personal, Social and Emotional Skills

No longer use a dummy or bottle

Have a consistent, structured bedtime

Help tidy up and put things back

Play with things safely and without breaking them

Know that my belongings are my responsibility

Use words to tell you how I feel

Wait my turn and take turns with others

Leave my parent or carer and know they are coming back

Language & Listening Skills

Make a choice using my words

Talk about myself using 'I' rather than 'me'

Listen to a story from a book for a short period of time

Sit still on the carpet or floor and listen while others are talking

Follow simple instructions given by an adult

Recognise my written name

Know and sing along to nursery rhymes

Listen to and identify sounds around me

Physical Skills

Be able to dress and undress myself: shoes, socks, trousers, coats, jumpers, t-shirts, tights, zips & buttons

Be able to open my lunchbox or bag and open my food packaging

Go to the toilet independently: wipe myself, pull my clothes back up, flush the toilet & wash my hands

Have an effective pencil grip

Be independent at mealtimes: drink from an open cup, feed myself using cutlery, cut up my food with a knife and fork, carry a plate or tray

Hang my coat and bag on a peg

Wipe my nose with a tissue then throw it away

Line up one behind the other and walk in a line



What will my day be like in Reception?

Our Reception day is full of learning through play. We have short teaching inputs that incorporate communication and language, phonics, maths and social skills in between our child initiated play based learning. In Reception we have a 'theme' each half term and explore carefully chosen stories and songs to support our learning.



Our Learning themes throughout the year are:

- Autumn A – Incredible You: All about me, my family and my community
- Autumn B – Fantastic Festivals: Celebrations, traditions & festivals
- Spring A – Happy Ever After: Fairy tales, morals & structures
- Spring B – How Does Your Garden Grow: Spring, minibeasts, weather, growing & nature
- Summer A – No Place Like Home: Our Earth, animals, climates & space
- Summer B – The Land Before Time: Past & present, changes over time, my achievements & how I have changed



Here is an example of our Reception day:

8.45	Registration/Morning Write
9.00	Maths Meeting
9.15	Outdoor Play
9.45	Phonics
10.00	Child Initiated Learning
11.15	Literacy - Communication & Language/Reading/Writing
11.45	Lunch
12.45	Register & Relax Kids
1.00	Tooth Brushing
1.15	Drawing Club
1.40	Child Initiated Learning - Indoor/Outdoor
2.45	Practise Read
3.00	Story Time

Reading in Reception

Phonics at Flash Ley is how your child is taught throughout their journey of learning to read. We use a validated scheme recommended by the Department for Education called Little Wandle which begins in Nursery and takes your child through to the phonics screening check at the end of Year 1. This is a thorough and rigorous programme which teaches children all the skills they need to read successfully.

As part of the scheme, alongside our daily phonics lessons, each child will take part in three reading practice sessions a week with books carefully matched to your child's phonics ability. Children will be reading in small groups and will read the same book three times with adults in school before bringing it home to read. Phonics reading books are sent home every Friday, with the exception of school holidays. These are to be returned every Monday back to school. Books are needed in school for children's practice reading sessions; so please return them each week so we can ensure your child has the correct reading book for support in school.

It is an expectation you read your child's phonics book with them over the weekend and sign their reading log.

To foster a love for reading we also have carefully selected texts each week and immerse children in a love for literature, vocabulary and story telling.

We visit the library every Friday for your child to select a reading for pleasure book which they can keep until the following Friday for enjoyment at home.

We ask parents to familiarise themselves with the expectations of phonics via the Little Wandle for parents page:

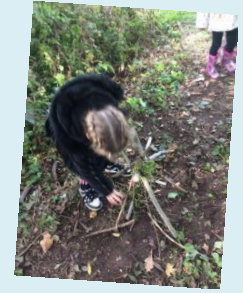


We're teaching every child to read with
Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by
the Department for Education



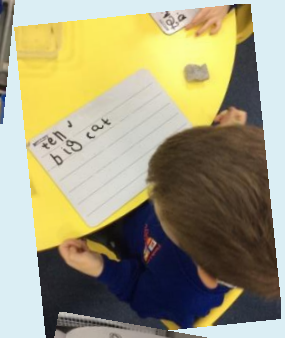
What will I be doing in Reception?

Outdoor Learning – Moving, growing and testing our physical skills



Exploring the natural world in Forest School

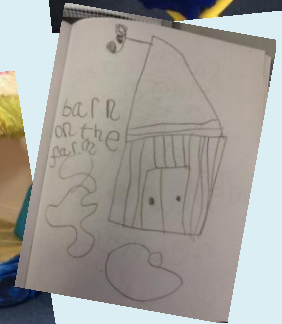
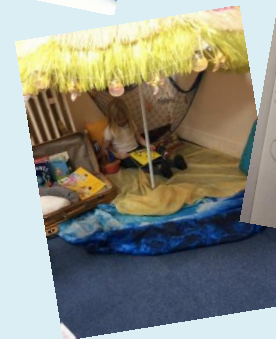
Learning about shapes & numbers in different ways



Developing independence and self care skills – we brush our teeth everyday too!



Enjoying stories, songs, drama and illustrating – we learn to read and write!



What will I be doing in Reception?

Getting messy & creative!

Exploring,
experimenting and
problem solving

Testing fine motor skills
with finger gym!

Getting
physical in
PE

Learning about myself and
what makes me special. We
explore our emotions and
how to regulate them

We love role
play!



What is my classroom like?

We have a dedicated Early Years classroom and outdoor area. Our spaces promote calm, creativity and exploration.



What else is important to know?



If your child has any allergies, medical needs or dietary requirements please ensure this is shared before they begin.



We will invite you to sign up to our school communication platform J2E when your child starts.

We also use an online learning platform to document your child's learning journey called Evidence Me – Just provide an email address and we will regularly send you photographs of your child's learning in action.

Follow us on Facebook too!



We are an Operation Encompass School.

Safeguarding is paramount at Flash Ley.

This means we are automatically informed if there is a police presence at your home address.