

Welcome to the Hillside family.

In Little Owls we.....



Nurture, Aspire, Achieve

play



learn



sing



explore



and

make new friends



Here are some of the people you will meet:

Mr Harrison – Head Teacher



Mrs Riley – Early Years
Base Leader



Mrs Rogers – Early Years
Support Teacher



Here are some of the people you will meet:

Mrs Harris – Inclusion, Family Liaison Manager and Early Years Support Teacher

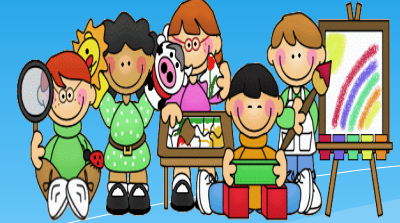


Mrs Coates –
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Tarrant & Mrs James – Office staff

What will your child learn in Little Owls?



*How to be a good friend

* How to be a good learner

* To be curious about the world around them

We also learn through:

*Playing and Exploring



* Creating and Thinking Critically



* Active Learning



What will your child learn in Little Owls?



Each day there will be a mixture of:

- *Exploration and Play during Plan Do Review (PDR), opportunities to develop learning from adult led and child initiated activities in indoor and outdoor spaces.
- *Whole Class Work (sharing/reading from a big book, counting, number rhymes and songs, number games, listening to stories, phonics, watching shared writing)
- *Taught Group Work in reading, writing and number (working with other children and a teacher)



Early Years Foundation Stage

There are seven areas of learning:

Personal, social and emotional development

Communication and language

Physical development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and design



Regular attendance is crucial in order to help and support your child in making good progress in all these areas.

Observations and Assessment

At Hillside we use Tapestry, an Online Learning Journal (if your child already has a tapestry account with another setting we will transfer it to our setting).



Staff observe children in a range of activities.

These observations help us to understand your child and provide for their next steps.



Observations and Assessment



The EYFS recognises that you, the parents, are the main educators of your child. As a result, we can use information about your child's learning at home that you tell us, to inform our judgement of your child's development. We really value it when parents upload photos and messages of the wonderful things your child does at home.

Snacks

Around mid morning your child will enjoy a playtime and snack time.

When the children are part time we endeavour to do all our numeracy work through our snack time.

The children count and share out the fruits and enjoy solving real life problems.



If your child is under 5 they will automatically receive free school milk.



Water bottles

All children are encouraged to bring in a NAMED water bottle (with a sports cap lid) which can be taken home each day to be washed and refilled.

Your child will also have access to their water bottle for a drink throughout the day.

There should only be water in the water bottle, not squash please. (please see snack letter in your parent pack)



Parental Involvement

Working with parents and carers is important to us at Hillside. It is essential to work together in order to support your child's development. We know that most parents are keen to support their children's learning so we do start home learning quickly. This is mainly

reading, sound/key word work or maths homework. We really do appreciate all the support you can give your child at home as it is invaluable to their learning.

We run regular workshops throughout the year for parents on how you can support your child at home.

homework



Preparing for starting school

During the next few months there are things you can be doing at home to help to prepare your child for school.

Try to make your child as independent as possible by encouraging them to:

- *to be independent in their personal hygiene eg: go to the toilet, wipe themselves, and wash their hands, blow and wipe their nose.
- *dress and undress themselves, (managing their tights)
- *do up their zip/buttons on their coat



Preparing for starting school

If your child is going to have a hot school meal, can they use a knife and fork and are able to cut up their own food? If they are having a packed lunch from home, can they open their bag of crisps or peel their satsuma?



Talking and Responding— helping your child to talk— home language is important (helping them to wait their turn in a conversation).

Play with your child and show them how to share.



Preparing for starting school

Encourage your child to follow simple instructions —
'Please can you get me.....?'

Singing lots of nursery rhymes – challenge yourself to sing some different or more unusual ones!

Lots of drawing, colouring, Playdoh and Lego to help build up hand strength.

Share stories.



What you child needs:

- *A full **named** uniform

- *A **named** bookbag to carry Reading records and books, school letters and work etc. to and from school.

(Book bags must be brought to school every day.)

- *A **named** PE Kit. It should be brought in on the first day and will be kept in school on your child's peg and will be sent home every half term to be checked and washed. Please include a spare pair of pants and please make sure all items are named

- *A **named** water bottle with sports lid.

- *A **named** waterproof coat with a zip that is easy to do up. Some zips are impossible for the child to do themselves! Please practise putting on and doing up coats, it is really helpful as it develops children's sense of independence.

- *A **named** pair of shoes they can fasten themselves eg: with Velcro fastenings.

THANK YOU!

And last but not least....

*We understand that you are your child's first educators and we work hard to build caring professional relationships with you so together we can make a positive impact on your child's learning.

*We have an open door policy where parents are always welcome to share their concerns, their child's successes or ask any questions!

*Above all we understand that starting school is a major event in both you and your child's life.

*We as a team do our best to make sure your child's first year at school is a happy and rewarding experience for everybody.

*If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

*We look forward to meeting you all very soon.



We have fun in Little Owls!



