

STARTING RECEPTION

AT BISHOP ROAD

How can I prepare my child for school?

We do not expect children to begin Reception being able to read and write, but there are some ways in which you can help them be ready for this new chapter.

Being curious and ready to learn.

- Following instructions.
- Sitting and listening to a story.
- Confident/willing to try new things.
- Asking questions.



Independence

- Making choices about what they would like to play with.
- Tidying up after they have finished with something.
- Looking after my belongings e.g. hanging up their coat and putting their shoes away.
- Asking for help if needed.
- Using a knife and fork.
- Opening packets/containers (in their packed lunch).



Self hygiene

- Going to the toilet unaided.
- Washing their own hands.

Getting dressed

- Putting on their coat.
- Undoing and fastening buttons.
- Attempting to do up a zip.
- Changing in and out of their PE kits.
- Doing up their own school shoes.

Relationships

- Interested in interacting with others.
- Sharing and taking turns.
- Listening to what others say.

How can I support my child's learning at school?

We believe the role of Parents/Carers is vital for a child's well-rounded education. We encourage active participation through...

- Reading –Reading with your child on a regular basis is highly beneficial. We will hear each child read at least once a week at school but it really helps for this to continue at home as well. We believe little and often is the best way.
- Sharing stories and other texts with your child as much as possible helps develop their narrative sense and vocabulary as well as being a lovely bonding experience for all.
- Bring maths into everyday activities such as counting out the correct number of forks for dinner, or recognising door numbers.
- Talk to your child about their day and what they have learnt or enjoyed.
- Inform us of your child's achievements and interests out of school through completing 'Wow moments' and bi-termly 'All about me' booklets.
- Use the Reception section of the school website to find out about what we are learning each term and suggestions to help at home.

What will my child need?

- Labels – Please label everything your child brings to school, including uniforms, bags, bottles and PE kits.
- A PE kit in a labelled bag. This should include shorts and a t-shirt, along with daps or a pair of trainers. For colder months, please provide a tracksuit.
- A named water bottle so children can get a drink throughout the day. They will bring it home to be washed and refilled each day.
- Shoes the children can fasten themselves would be really helpful in developing their independence.