

Welcome to Reception!

Shirland Primary School



We can't wait to meet you when
you begin your new adventure at
Shirland Primary School.



Our Senior Leaders

Miss Vessey

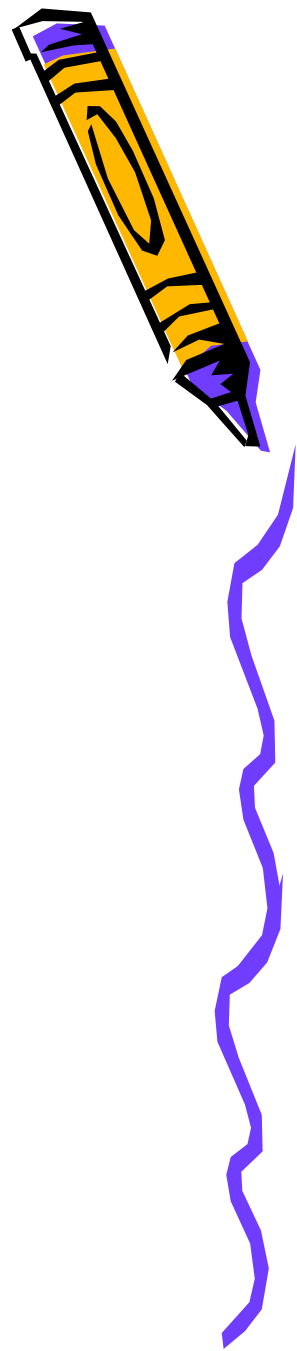


Miss Vessey is our
Executive
Headteacher.

Mrs Dolman



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Head of School.



Reception Team

Mrs Kerry

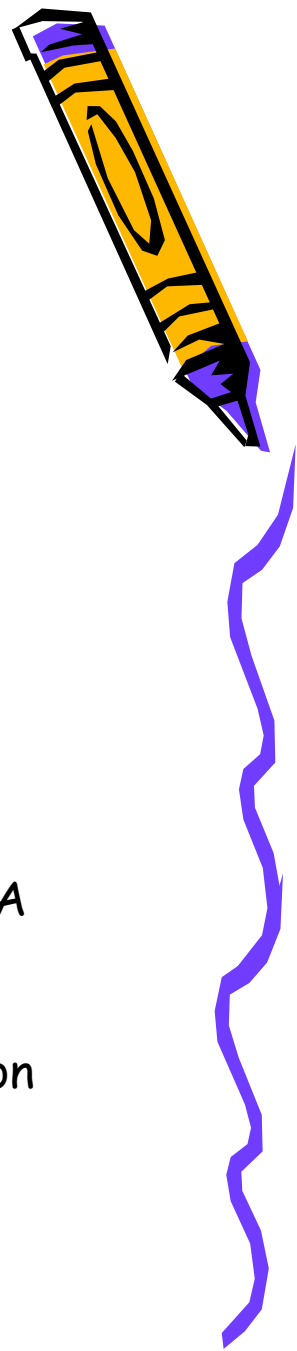


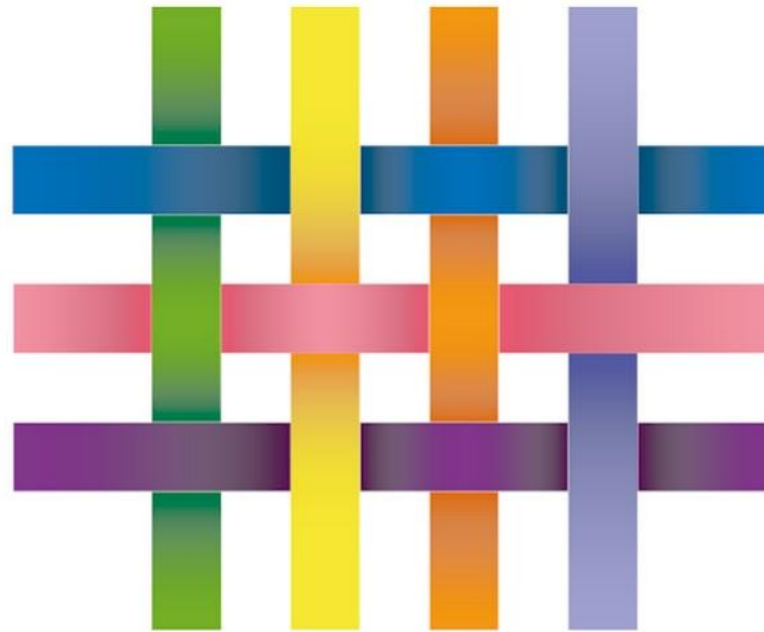
Mrs Kerry is the class teacher. She works on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She is the EYFS Lead.

Mrs Telford

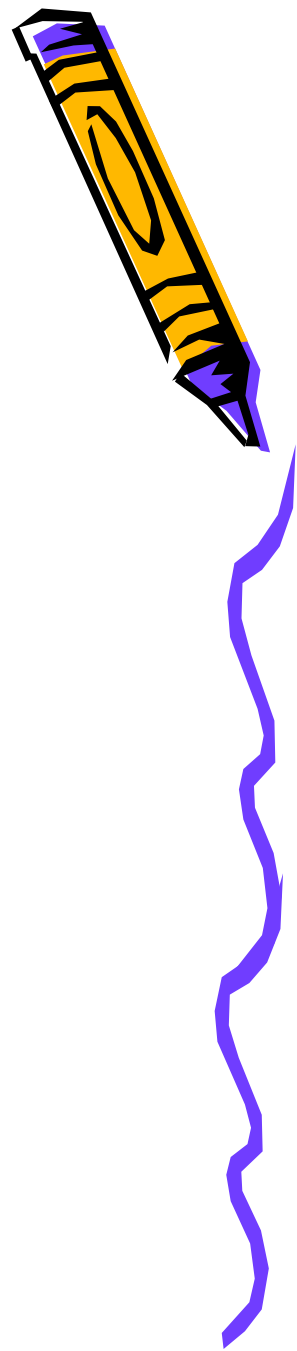


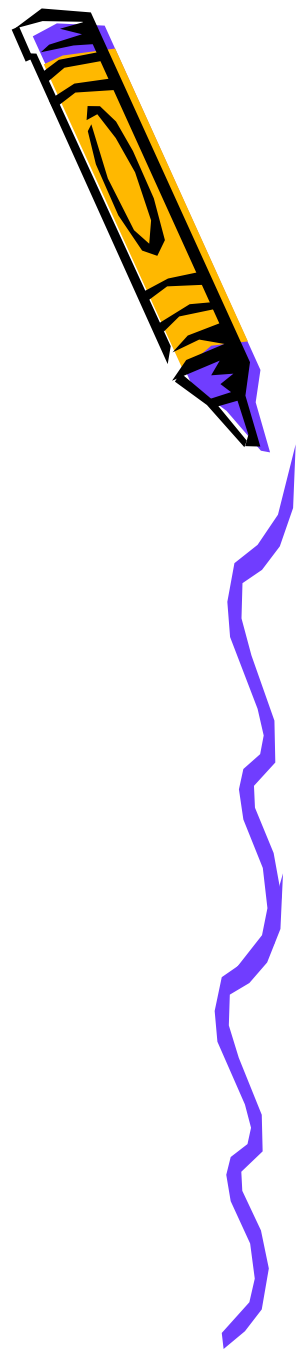
Mrs Telford is our HLTA and works full time in Reception. Mrs Telford will be teaching all day on a Monday.



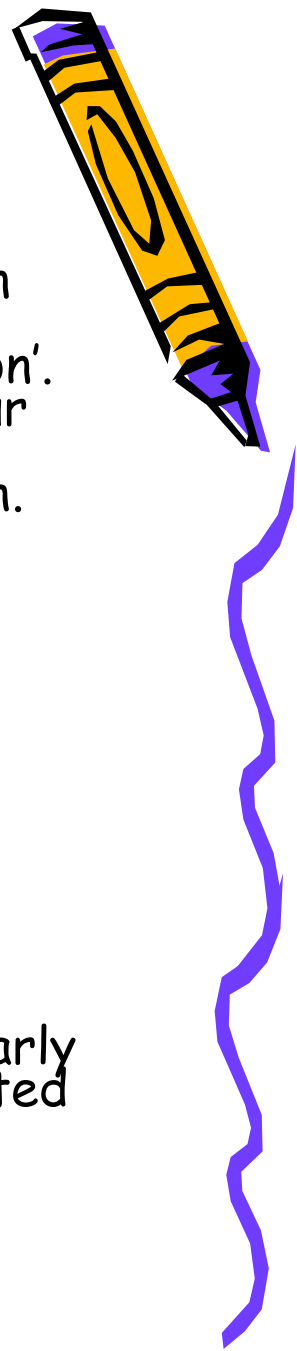


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Early Years Curriculum



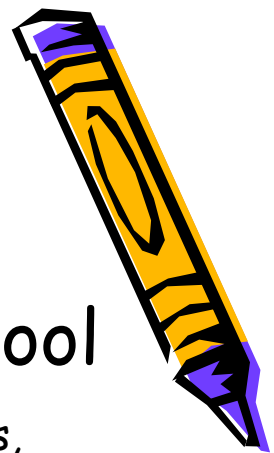
- Activities in Reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. The children learn through play and focused activities with the teacher.
- Play activities are planned and we call this 'Continuous Provision'. The children refer to this as 'COOL LEARNING' (Choosing Our Own Learning)
- Planning each term is carried out using a topic-based approach. Our first topic is called 'Who lives in Nursery Rhyme village?'
- There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These are as follows:
 - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
 - **Physical Development**
 - **Communication and Language**
 - **Literacy**
 - **Mathematics**
 - **Understanding the World**
 - **Expressive Arts and Design**
- Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

How you can help your child prepare for school

- ✚ Encourage your child to use the toilet independently, wash their hands, put on and fasten their coats.
- ✚ Play games which encourage sharing and turn taking will help your child to build their social skills.
- ✚ Encourage them to try new activities and keep trying when they may find things difficult.
- ✚ Become confident being away from Mummy, Daddy or main carer.



Physical Development

How you can help your child prepare for school...

- ✚ Give children time to run, jump, climb and play outdoors
- ✚ Encourage children in activities such as building, drawing, threading beads, or filling and emptying containers in the water - all of which develop fine motor skills.



Communication and Language

How you can help your child prepare for school ...



- # Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- # Take time to listen to them talking about things they've done and answering their questions.
- # Follow simple instructions.
- # Talk about themselves, their thoughts and feelings.
- # Enjoy sharing and listening to books.



Literacy

How can you help your child prepare for school....

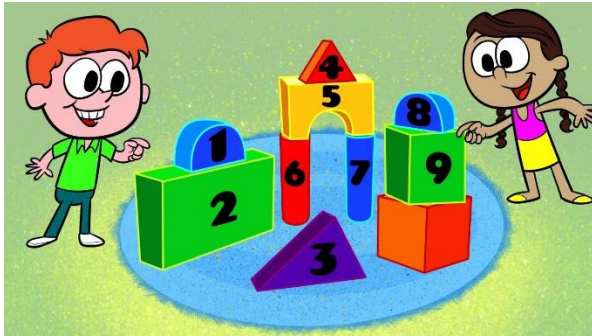


- ❖ Hear and identify sounds around them (environmental sounds)
- ❖ Hold writing tools to make marks or some letters
- ❖ Talk about favourite stories and rhymes



Mathematics

How you can help prepare your child for school...



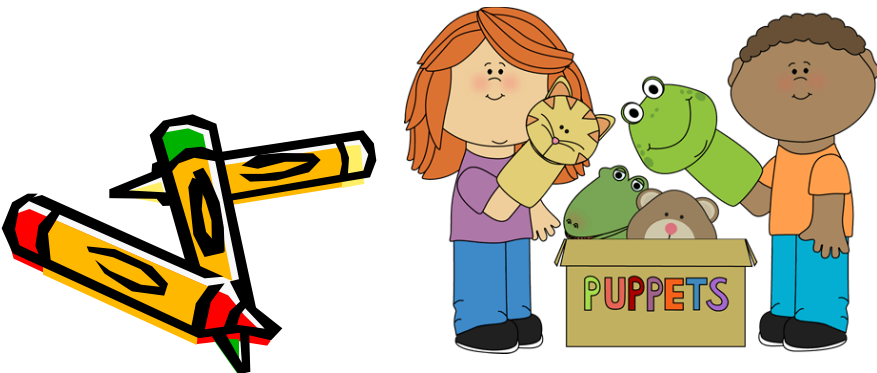
- # Singing counting songs and rhymes
- # Counting anything and everything - socks, cars, shopping, cutlery, fingers and toes!
- # Recite numbers up to 5
- # Pointing out numbers all around
- # Talk about the shapes you can see in the environment



Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help your child for school...



- ✚ Talk with your child about their imaginative play and join in if possible!
- ✚ Draw and paint lots of different pictures.
- ✚ Recognise some colours, eg red, blue, green, yellow
- ✚ Enjoy singing songs from memory



Understanding the World -

How you can help prepare
your child for school ...



- ✚ Talk with your child about the places they go and things they see in the world around them
- ✚ Answering and asking questions - what if...? Why do you think...? How did you...?
- ✚ Letting children join in with everyday activities - washing up, cooking, shopping, helping in the garden...

General Information

- # School day 8:50am -3:15pm
- # Breakfast club 8:00am-8.55am

We ask you to book in advance.

Please ask for a flyer if you are interested.

- # You can have a hot school meal or bring your own packed lunch clearly labelled in a lunch bag with your child's name. (Universal Infant Free school meals)

- # Eligibility for free school meals.



Uniform Reminder

✚ Uniform and bags need to be clearly labeled with names please! 30 jumpers and 30 t-shirts all look the same and it is very difficult to return lost clothing that is not named!

- A branded school uniform is not compulsory but there is a recommended school dress as follows -

Grey Trousers or Skirt,
Maroon Sweatshirt or Cardigan
White Polo Shirt



- Please remove earrings on PE days. These will be confirmed at a later date.
- PTFA will provide each child with a school book bag.
- School book bags only please.



Uniform Continued...

P.E/Sportswear

Children will come to school in their PE kit on PE days. These will be confirmed in September.

- 1 pair of black/navy Shorts (NOT long length)
 - White short sleeved T-shirt (NO football shirts please)
 - 1 pair of Plimsolls or Trainers
- The "Shirland Primary School" sweatshirt, cardigan, white polo shirt and P.E kit can all be ordered online.
(<https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/>)



Mrs Coward and Mrs Gilbody work
in the office.



If you come to breakfast club, you will see Mrs Chapman and Mrs Plant in the morning.



Family Support

- Mrs Barnes is the schools Family Support Worker. Her role is to manage the schools Early Help offer.
- Support from Mrs Barnes could include offering advice around challenging behaviour at home, support with routines and boundaries, financial support, Family Support meetings, signposting to external agencies.



CNET Family Support Offer

- Mr Matthews (Safeguarding & Family Support Manager)
- Supporting the schools Family Support Worker with training and attending meetings if appropriate.
- Offering Non-Violent Resistance and Solihull Parenting approaches.
- School Readiness support →



SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Please take a look at the SEND information on our school website for more information.

If you feel that your child has SEND, please let us know at the end of the meeting so we can arrange a separate meeting to talk in more detail.



We have lots of exciting activities to choose from inside our classroom



We do lots of outdoor learning in Reception.





If you would like your child to have cool milk, you need to register online at

www.coolmilk.com

Please make sure that you state the start day on the first day of the school term in September. This will continue until your child's 5th birthday.

Please take a letter at the end of the meeting.



Family Assembly (Friday 2.45-3.10)

Starting after Christmas.
Parents are all invited but
you will receive a ParentHub
message if your child is
receiving an award that
week.



First Week's Staggered Start

All children will be in school on these days.

Monday 7th September: 8.50-11.30am

Tuesday 8th September: 8.50-1.00pm
(staying for lunch)

Wednesday 9th September : ALL DAY!

Transition Mornings

9.00am-11.30am

Thursday 25th June

Lorenzo
Grayson
Oliver B
Adelina
Darcie
Arlo F
Ella
Arthur
Eden
Hope
Caleb
Isaac
Juliette
Amelia
Mollie



Friday 26th June

Esmae
Harrison
Erik
Nellie-Mae
Bella
William
Albie
Harvey
Lachlan
Robyn
Aurora
Eva
Rae
Arnie
Leonardo

PTFA

(Parent, teacher,
friend association)



