



EPPLETON ACADEMY
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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PRIMARY **NURSERY**



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OUR SCHOOL

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD



At Eppleton Academy, we provide education for children aged 3 to 11. We are passionate about delivering an educational experience that supports children to become confident and independent learners.



NURTURING EXCELLENCE
AND LEARNING FOR LIFE



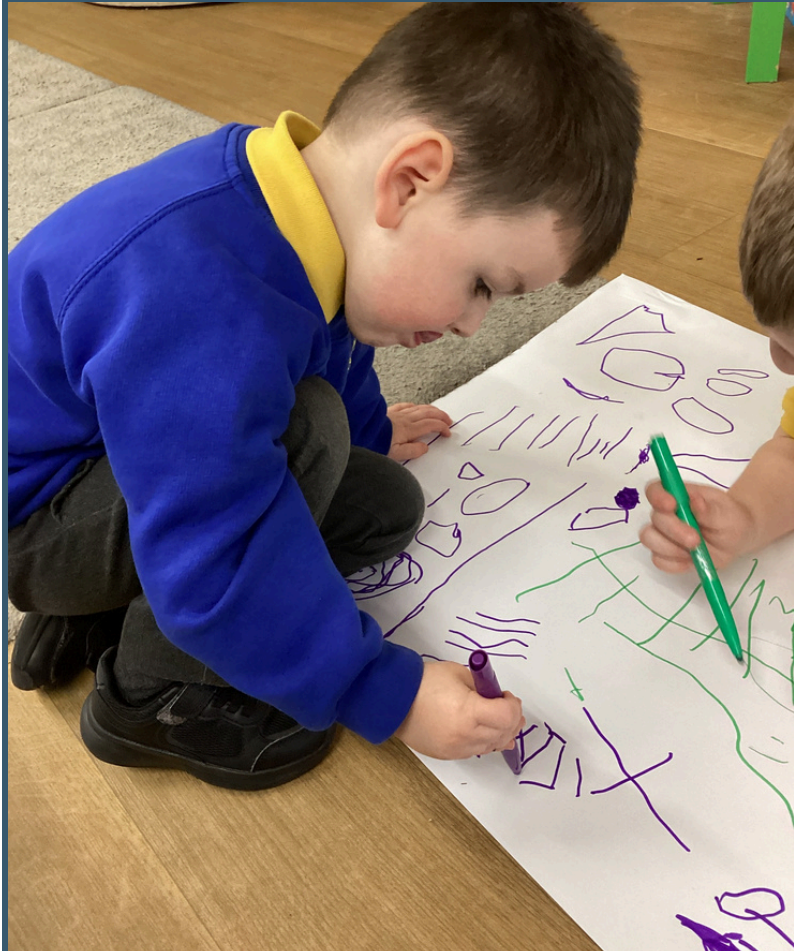
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OUR VISION

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



Our Academy vision is simple; Aim high, enjoy learning and embrace challenge. In essence this means we strive for our children to achieve their best, challenge themselves and enjoy their learning. We place a big emphasis on this vision in all that we do; through the curriculum we deliver, through the opportunities that we provide for children and their families and also through the community which we so strongly value.



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STAFF

MEET THE NURSERY STAFF



MISS S IMRIE
Nursery Teacher &
Assistant Headteacher



MISS A MORDEY
Teaching
Assistant



MRS A DAVIES
HLTA



MRS S HAWTHORNE
Teaching
Assistant



MRS S HARPER
Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs L Jackson
Headteacher



Miss L Defty
Assistant Headteacher



OUR AIMS

LOVE LEARNING

- To inspire a love of learning
- For children to feel safe, happy and valued
- To promote cognitive, emotional and physical growth
- To develop the children's independent learning and thinking
- To promote academic excellence and high expectations to achieve excellent learning outcomes for all
- To promote positive links between home, school and community
- For the curriculum to inspire children within and beyond the classroom
- To ready children for the next stage of their education and prepare them to be responsible citizens in the world they live
- For children to aim high and strive to reach their full potential



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TRANSITION

PREPARING FOR NURSERY



Children respond to transition in different ways, some with confidence, and others with more apprehension. We aim to work alongside parents and carers to provide a smooth transition into Nursery.

To support the transition into Nursery we will:

- arrange times for children to join us for stay and play sessions prior to starting Nursery
- liaise with any previous Nursery/ childcare settings to find out about children's academic progress and individual learning styles
- carefully plan a gradual start joining Nursery
- liaise with parents via Class Dojo to answer any queries



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KEY WORKERS

SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS



The key person is a named person who has responsibility in a setting for working with you and meeting your child's individual needs. Although your child will work with all adults in the setting one member of staff will be assigned as your child's key person. In Nursery and Reception the class teacher will be assigned as your child's key person.

The key person works alongside parents and carers to ensure that there is continuity of care for the child supporting the child's emotional well-being. The key person is someone you can talk to about any concerns, they will know your child well and will be able to provide advice and support with all aspects of learning and development. You will be offered regular times to talk to your child's key person and look at their child's learning and development records. The key person will get to know you and your child really well, finding out about your child's preferences and routines and will be the person that shares information about their learning and development. The key person observes your child to identify how they learn through their play, their next steps for development, what their interests are and whether there is any cause for concern or need for extra support. They will share this information with you, working with you to formulate a plan of support.



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CURRICULUM

HOW WE TEACH



In Nursery, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are 7 areas of this curriculum:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Each area of the EYFS curriculum is carefully planned into our topic based approach to learning, which has a balance of play based and adult-led learning opportunities to suit the needs of all children in the Nursery setting.

We also promote the development of Characteristics of Effective Learning, which focus on three key elements; engagement, motivation and thinking.

We are passionate about delivering a curriculum that is engaging, creative and challenging for all.



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ENVIRONMENT

INDOORS AND OUTDOORS



Our main priority is to provide children with a safe, secure and happy place to develop and learn. Our environment encourages children to be confident and independent learners that welcome challenge. Children will access a high quality, carefully planned environment that aims to meet the needs and interests of all of the children. We strive to provide opportunities that inspire children to discover the awe and wonder of the world around them.



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TYPICAL DAY

A DAY IN NURSERY



Morning sessions (8:45- 11:45)

- Morning Welcome- register
- Wake Up Shake Up- Physical Development
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/ topic based) followed by group work
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment, taking part in high quality interactions
- Snack time (fruit and milk/ water)
- Small group work
- Rhyme/ Story Time
- Lunch (if staying for lunch- 30 hours)



Afternoon sessions (12:15-15:15)

- Afternoon Welcome- register
- Mini Movers- Physical Development
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/ topic based)
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment, taking part in high quality interactions
- Small group work
- Rhyme/ Story Time
- Home time



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NURSERY HOURS

15 OR 30 HOUR PLACES



At Eppleton Academy, we offer free 15 hour and 30 hour places.

15 hour sessions can be:

Morning sessions 8:45-11:45

Afternoon sessions 12:15-15:15

Or alternatively you can choose to do the start of the week

Monday, Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday (half day until 11:45)

Or the back of the week

Wednesday afternoon (half day starting at 12:15), Thursday and Friday (full day)

If you are eligible for 30 hour Nursery provision, your child can access full days at Nursery 8:45- 15:15. To find out if you are eligible please visit www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare.

We are more than happy to discuss these options with you, to find out more please contact our school office.



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READING

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY READING



Early Reading is of vital importance in promoting progress in all other areas of learning therefore, we share many stories in Nursery. We have dedicated time each day to sharing stories with the children and our topics are all planned around core story books. Reading to and with children has limitless benefits some of which include development of language, concentration, imagination but also support children's wellbeing and sense of security.

How you can help:

- Read regularly with your child- share a story each night before bed
- Share the same stories over and over again- this helps children to become familiar with story structure and helps them to retell the stories themselves
- Bring stories to life using puppets or soft toys
- Look at and talk about the pictures in books- encourage children to question and talk about what they see
- Share rhymes- Nursery rhymes are an excellent way to learn about rhyme and rhythm
- Show your own love of books and stories



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UNIFORM

WHAT TO WEAR

- Yellow polo shirt
- Blue Jumper or Cardigan
- Grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore
- Blue and white check dresses can be worn in the summer
- Grey shorts can be worn in the summer
- Blue & white checked dresses may be worn in summer
- Plain black shoes- not lace up shoes, Velcro instead

For safety reasons no earrings or jewellery allowed

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can be ordered from the Tots to Teams website:

www.totstoteams.com/



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LUNCHES

SCHOOL MEALS OR PACKED LUNCH



School lunches are available to Nursery children (£2.30 per meal) or alternatively you can send a packed lunch to Nursery with your child. Packed lunches must follow our healthy packed lunch policy which can be found on our school website.

We ask that your child stays on either school lunches or packed lunches for half a term, if you wish to change please do so at the beginning of the next half term.

The menu for school lunches can be found on our school website and parents/ carers can choose daily lunch options through Parent Pay. We will send you forms to complete regarding dietary requirements and allergies upon admission.

Snack and Drinks

Children in Nursery will have access a healthy snack such as fruit/ vegetables
Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. Only water no juice please.



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INDEPENDENCE

TOILETING



We appreciate that all children develop at their own rate, however we expect all children to be able to go to the toilet on their own by the time they enter Nursery. We will of course support with buttons and fastenings on clothing if needed. All children may have occasional accidents and we will support and change your child in line with our intimate care policy. If your child has frequent accidents, please send a spare change of clothes into school. We will work alongside you help your child to become independent with their toileting.



WRAP AROUND

HERE FOR YOU



Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club in school from 7.30am with qualified staff. The children can choose from a range of cereal, toast, crumpets and fruit. The cost of these sessions are £4.00 per day from 7.30am or £3.00 per day from 8.00am. This must be booked in advance via our Parent pay system.

Kids Fun Club (KFC)

We offer after school childcare from 3.15pm until 4.15pm for Nursery children, with qualified staff.

Children can access a range of fun activities and games. The cost of these sessions are £3.50 per day until 4.15pm.



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PARTNERSHIP

PARENTS AND CARERS

Working with parents is very important to us and in developing a partnership we always welcome views and comments on the school to move the children and school forward. This will ensure that the children of Eppleton Academy are the very best that they can be

We provide many opportunities for you to take an active part in your child's education.

These include:

- Class Dojo- viewing and adding to your child's personal portfolio
- Parent Workshops- we invite you into school for stay and play sessions to work alongside your child
- Parent's evenings
- Website blogs on our school website
- Monthly school online newsletters



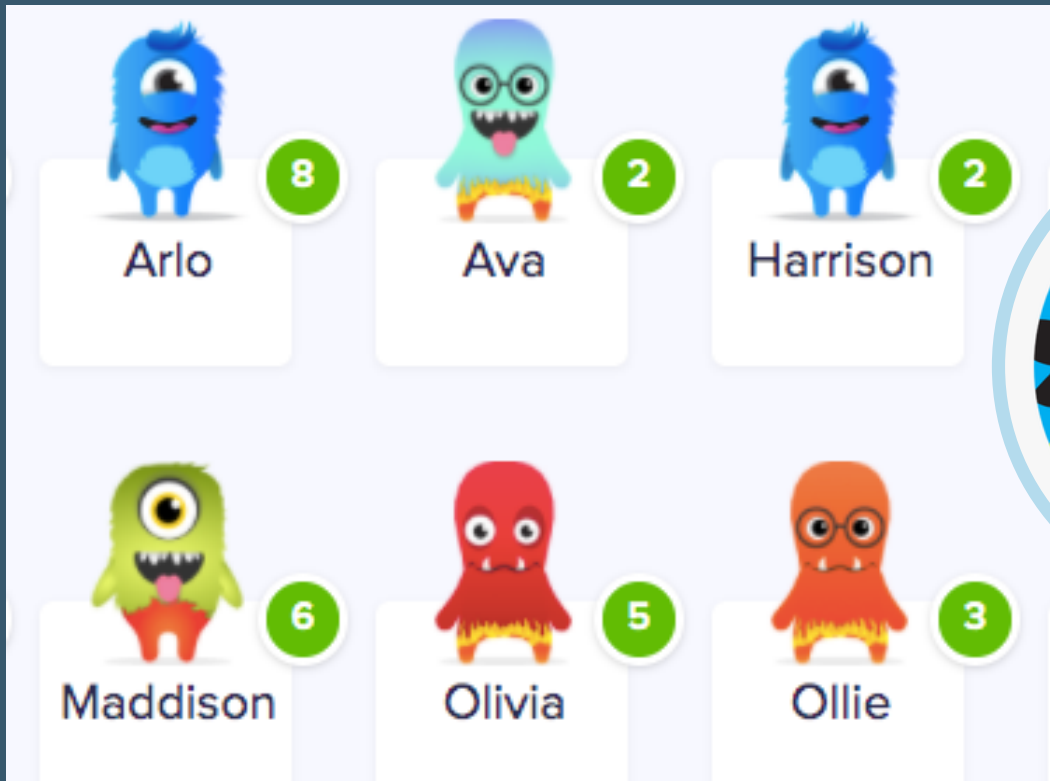
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COMMUNICATION

REGULAR UPDATES



At Eppleton Academy, we use ClassDojo as our main form of communication with parents/ carers. Class Dojo is updated regularly with news and events for Nursery but also for the whole school.

In Nursery, we use Class Dojo to send you regular updates of the activities and learning taking place in Nursery. You will also you will have access to your child's personal portfolio which will show what your child has been doing in class and the activities they enjoy. We will also ask you to add to your child's personal portfolio by uploading photos to share with us any news and exciting events from home. Forming strong relationships with parents and carers is extremely important to us and we really appreciate your valuable input. This enables you to be a part of your child's fantastic learning journey throughout the year.

Class Dojo is also used in class to promote class and school rules. Children can collect Dojo points for various reasons such as following the rules, tidying away toys, being kind, good listening, sharing etc. These points can then be used to redeem small prizes as rewards.



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GETTING READY

SUPPORTING TRANSITION



We understand that starting Nursery is a big step for you and your child but it is also a very exciting new chapter. To support your child to get ready for this next step you could:

- Encourage independence- asking your child to put on their own shoes and coat
- Go to the toilet independently- wipe, flush and wash hands
- Carry their own belongings- coat, bag etc.
- Tidy away their toys when they have finished playing with them
- Sing songs, rhymes and share stories
- Talk about starting Nursery in a very positive way- how exciting it is.



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CONTACT US

GET IN TOUCH



Our school website provides lots of important information which you may find useful so please visit

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Please visit our Nursery class blog to see some of the wonderful opportunities we offer children at Eppleton Academy

www.eppletonacademyprimary.co.uk/eppleton-news/blog/nursery

Thank you for choosing Eppleton Academy Primary and Nursery for your child. We look forward to building strong relationships with you and your child during their time at our school. This is such an exciting stage in your child's life and we are delighted to be part of it.

We hope this prospectus has been useful for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.



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