



EPPLETON ACADEMY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



# WELCOME TO EPPLETON ACADEMY PRIMARY **RECEPTION**



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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



# OUR VISION

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



Eppleton Academy Primary School & Nursery ...Nurturing Excellence and Learning for Life

Our Vision...

- At Eppleton Academy Primary School, we strive to make sure that no door is closed to you because we want you to have a life full of choice.
- By striving for excellence, we instil in you our chosen values, high aspirations and academic ambition to be outstanding achievers and successful, global citizens.
- By working effectively in partnership with parents, we support and nurture you in a safe environment, providing a positive foundation to foster high aspirations and develop learning for life.
- We provide each of you with opportunities to embrace challenges through an exciting, creative and meaningful curriculum, supporting them on their individual learning journey



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# STAFF

## MEET THE STAFF



**MRS M WILSON**

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Teacher



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Teaching  
Assistant



**Mrs L Jackson**  
Headteacher



**Miss L Defty**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Miss S Imrie**  
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



# TRANSITION

## PREPARING FOR RECEPTION



- Children respond to transition in different ways, some with confidence, and others with more apprehension. We will work alongside parents and carers to provide a smooth transition into Reception.
- To support the transition into Reception we will:
  - arrange times for children to join us for a welcome session prior to starting Reception (Summer 2 term)
  - Parent/ Carer meeting to share key information about starting Reception
  - Visit child in previous Nursery setting and liaise with the settings to find out about children's academic progress and individual learning styles
  - Carefully plan a staggered start joining Reception
  - Liaise with parents via Class Dojo to answer any queries or questions



# 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 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 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.



# EYFS

## EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



In Reception, 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 Reception 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.

# 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. We work both inside and outside the classroom, all year round.



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# TYPICAL DAY

## A DAY IN RECEPTION



Morning session Starts 8:45am. Children will enter through the Reception gate on the yard

- Morning Welcome- register and lunches
- Phonics- read Write Inc
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/ topic based)
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment
- Small group work
- Story Time/ Rhyme/ Fred games
- Lunch



Afternoon sessions ends at 3:15pm

- Afternoon- register
- Teaching input (maths/ literacy/wider curriculum/ topic)
- Access to the indoor and outdoor learning environment
- Small group work
- Story Time
- Home time

# 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 Reception. 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' well-being and sense of security.

In Reception your child will take part in phonics sessions to begin their reading journey. At Eppleton Academy we use the Read Write Inc phonics scheme which provides children with structured sessions to support their reading skills. When your child starts Reception, you will be invited to attend a phonics workshop which will give you more information about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

How you can help your child before starting school:

- 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
- Show your own love of books and stories



# UNIFORM

## WHAT TO WEAR

- Light blue 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
  - Plain black shoes- not lace up shoes, Velcro instead
- Earrings and jewellery are not allowed

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can be ordered from the

Tots to Teams website:

[www.totstoteams.com](http://www.totstoteams.com)



### PE

Reception children will take part in PE lessons and on their allocated PE day, they can come to school in their PE kit

### PE kit

- Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Blue t-shirt
- Hoodie or jumper
- Black plimsolls or trainers

# LUNCHES

## SCHOOL MEALS OR PACKED LUNCH



Reception children eat their lunches in the school hall.

School lunches for Reception children are free, therefore we encourage all children to have a school meal.

Parents/ Carers are expected to choose their child's lunch options via Parent Pay. Information on how to set up an account will be provided if you do not have an account for your child already.

If your child is new to our school, we will ask you to fill in admissions forms which will ask for details of any allergies or dietary requirements for your child.

At Eppleton Academy Primary we promote healthy, nutritious lunches. If you choose to provide a packed lunch from home for your child, we ask you to refer to our packed lunch policy for guidance on what can be included in a packed lunch. Our packed lunch policy can be found on our school website.

### Snack

In Reception the children have access to healthy snacks throughout the day such as fruit and vegetables.





# INDEPENDENCE

## DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS

### Toileting

At Eppleton Academy we encourage independence. We expect all children to go to the toilet and wash their hands independently. We will of course be on hand to support any children who need it and to help with tricky buttons and fastenings if needed. Children who have toileting accidents will be supported in line with our intimate care policy. If your child has frequent accidents, please send a spare change of clothes into school to keep in your child's box of personal belongings.



### Becoming Independent

To prepare your child for starting school you could encourage them to:

- Put on their own coat and shoes
- Tidy up their toys
- Carry and look after their own belongings

# 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 with the school office and paid for in advance.

## Kids Fun Club (KFC)

We offer after school childcare from 3.15pm until 5.30pm (5pm Fridays) with qualified staff. The children are given the choice of a hot or cold snack, such as pizza, beans on toast and fish fingers. They can then access a range of fun activities. The cost of these sessions are £3.50 per day until 4.15pm, £6.00 per day until 5.00pm and £7.00 per day until 5.30pm. This must be booked and paid for in advance.





# PARTNERSHIP

## PARENTS AND CARERS

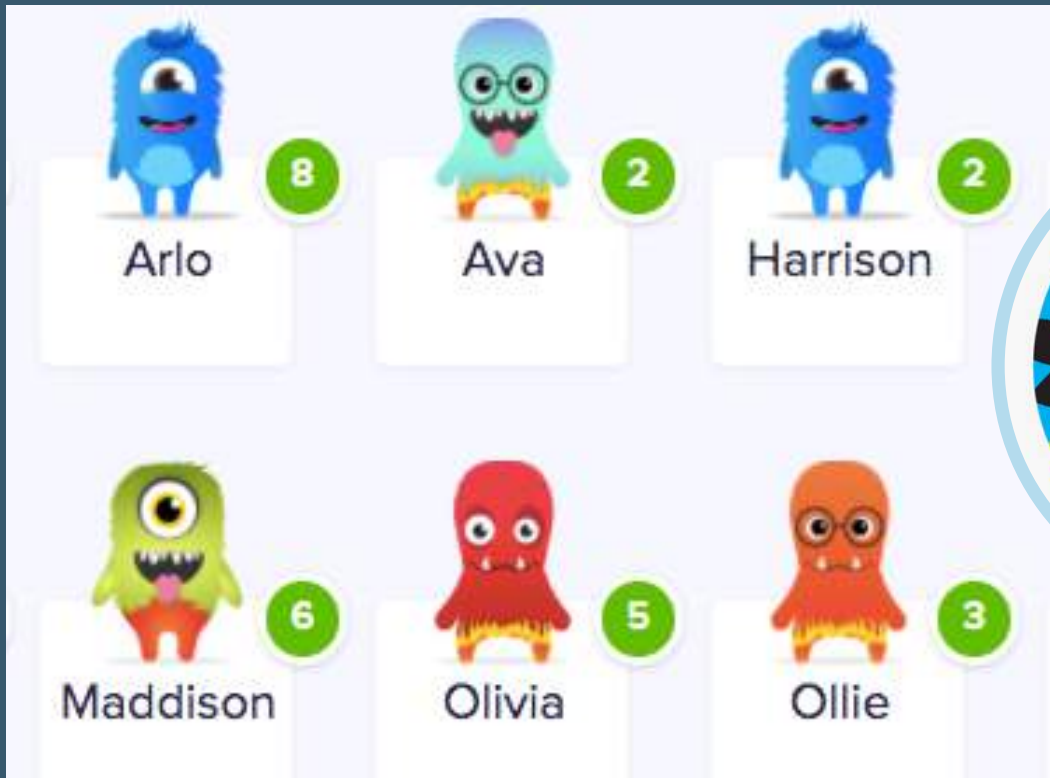
We recognise that children learn and develop well when there is a strong relationship between school and Parents/ Carers. Therefore, we provide many opportunities for you to take an active part in your child's education such as:

- 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
- Weekly blogs on our school website
- Monthly school online newsletters



# 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 Reception but also for the whole school.

In Reception, we use Class Dojo to send you regular updates of the activities and learning taking place in Reception. 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.



# ADMISSIONS

COME AND JOIN US



If you would like to know more about our school or EYFS provision please call us to speak with a member of staff, who will answer any questions or queries you may have.

Also if you would like to visit us here at Eppleton Academy Primary School and Nursery, please call the school office to arrange a visit. We will be more than happy to show you around.



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