



Welcome to Heathcote Primary School Reception 2022



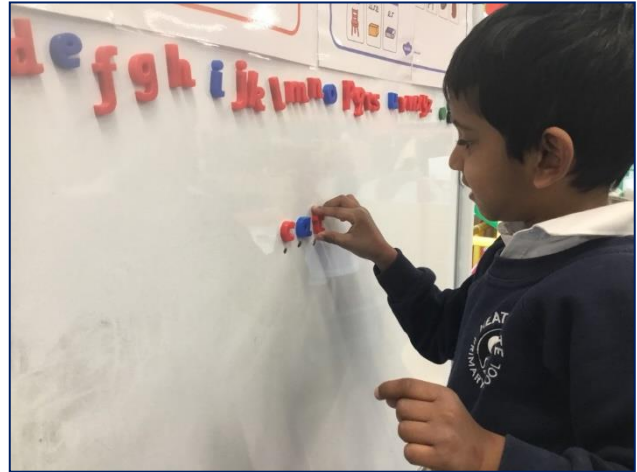
HEATHCOTE
Primary School

Welcome

Our Vision for Early Years

Children

In Reception at Heathcote Primary School our children are happy. They are excited and motivated to learn through rich and challenging learning experiences; opportunities to explore and take risks, and first-hand experiences. We have high ambitions for all our children and recognise that children have different starting points to their learning. We plan according to children's stage of development so all can thrive and develop. We aim for children to be well-rounded individuals who are independent, resilient and confident in themselves and with others.



Parents

Our partnership with parents means that parents have the opportunity to work closely with our Early Years team to support children's transition into the



setting. We would like parents to feel secure in the knowledge that their child is well cared for and happy at school. Our parents are welcome to be actively involved in their children's learning in school and are able to share learning experiences through 'Tapestry', which is our online learning journey platform. We recognise that parents are the first educators in children's lives and value contributions to judgments about children's development. We use this information to support our assessments and share information about what children need to do next to develop and thrive.

EYFS Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage

The EYFS is a very important stage in a child's life as it helps prepare for school 'readiness' as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. Children's early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs. Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the



support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences before the age of five will have a major impact on their future life chances.

The EYFS framework explains how and what children will be learning to support their healthy development and provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.

The EYFS specifies requirements for learning and development and for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare.

Children will learn skills, acquire new knowledge and demonstrate their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum			
Prime Areas of Learning			
Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	
Specific Areas of Learning			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design

A day in Reception

A day in Reception at Heathcote is always busy, fun and full of learning! The children are encouraged to become independent learners as well as working in focus groups and as part of the whole class. To begin with of course the main priority is to encourage the children to settle into the routines of the school and develop good relationships with each other and the staff.



We plan our curriculum around focused topics. We have daily phonics, handwriting and maths lessons. There are always opportunities in the

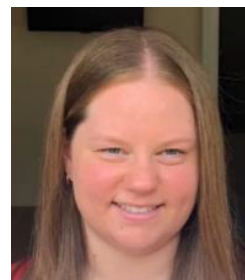


environment for children to explore learning further during 'Busy Learning' time. This is time for the children to independently choose activities inside and outside to learn through play. We have weekly P.E. and Music lessons. We are also very pleased that we are able to offer all of our Reception children a block of sessions at Forest School.

Your child will be allocated a class as well as a school house. We have two reception classes at Heathcote – the Hedgehogs and the Butterflies. Our school houses are for the children to earn house points and are used for team events such as sports day. Our school houses are named after the Warwick Castle towers – Caesar, Bear, Guy and Clarence.



Miss Goodey is the Teacher in Hedgehogs Class



Mrs Guilford is the Teacher in Butterflies Class.

Lunchtime & Snacks

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.

Children will have a daily fruit snack.

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk. You will have the option to pay for your child's milk once they turn 5.

As part of our daily routine, when we call the register in the morning we also take the children's choices for lunch. The children will select their colour option and at lunchtime will be given the correct coloured wrist band so that when they go up to get their lunch our catering staff know which option they have chosen. Here is an example menu.



Educaterers Lunch Menu Week 1 – w/c Mondays 14/5, 11/6, 2/7, 3/9, 24/9, 15/10.

Day	Option 1	OR	Option 2	Everyday choose from:	OR	Option 3
Monday	Pork Sausages (G.SU)		(v) Fusilli Pasta in a Rich Tomato Sauce (D.G.)	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D.)		(v) Cheddar Cheese Soft Bap Meal (G.D.)
Tuesday	Chinese Style Turkey Meatballs (G.SB.)		(v) Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie (D.E.)	or		Roast Chicken Wrap Meal (G.)
Wednesday	Roast Pork		(v) Vegetable and Lentil Korma (M.D.E.)	or		Ham Soft Bap Meal (G.)
Thursday	Chicken Pie (D.G.)		(v) Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (G.SU.SB.D.E.)	or		Sliced Turkey Sandwich Meal (SB.G.)
Friday	Breaded Pollock Fillet (F.SB.)		(v) Organic 3 Bean Chili	or		(v) Egg Mayonnaise Soft Bap Meal (G.E.)

Week 1 Dessert Menu

Every day we offer:
(v) Yeo Valley organic yoghurt. (D.) or fresh fruit as alternative dessert options

Monday
(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse (D.)

Tuesday
(v) Homemade Citrus Sponge with Mandarin Oranges (G.E.)

Wednesday
(v) Homemade Cookie (G.)

Thursday
(v) Homemade Orchard Fruits Crumble with Custard (G.D.)

Friday
(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel (G.)

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, organic semi skimmed milk and water to drink.

Accompaniments may vary to those shown in the photographs.

(v) Please let your school cook know if you require a hot vegetarian meal on a day when one isn't shown.

Key

V = vegetarian	G = Gluten/Wheat
D = Dairy	F = Fish
N = Coconut	M = Mustard
S = Sesame	SB = Soya
E = Egg	SU = Sulphites

What your child will need

❖ **Uniform***

❖ **Book bag**

❖ **P.E. Kit***

❖ **Drinks bottle**

❖ **Wellies**



It will help if your child:

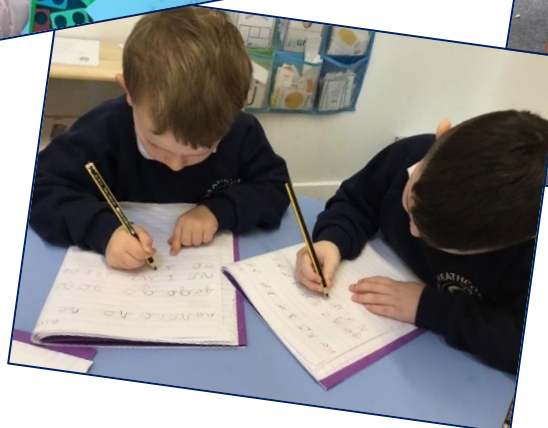
- Has every item of clothing named
- Has a full PE Kit in school at all times (named please)
- Has a spare pair of pants and socks in their PE bag in case of accidents
- Brings their Book Bag to school every day – please check daily for letters.
We try and reduce paper usage so the majority of messages are emailed to you

*Details of uniform and PE kit in admissions pack. On our website we have a link to our school uniform shop. It is under the parent tab and school uniform. You can purchase uniform here without the need for a **ParentPay** login.

What your child needs to know

Your child will adjust to school and settle much more confidently if they:

- Can use the toilet independently – always remembering to wash their hands
- Can recognise their own name and their own belongings
- Are able to dress and undress themselves including putting on their shoes after P.E. with minimal adult support
- Can put their coat on and take their coat off
- Use a knife and fork appropriately





Home school links

School Twitter – @Heathcote_P_S

Learning journals - Tapestry

Parents evenings – Autumn & Spring

End of year report – Early Learning Goals

Weekly newsletters

Half termly curriculum letters



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