



BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Believe to Achieve! "Roots will grow down into God's love and keep us strong" EPH 3:17

Welcome to Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School

New Parents' Information
July 2021



Meet our Early Years Team

Mrs Chappell - Teacher

Mrs Crossman - Teacher

Mrs Haydon - Teaching Assistant

Mrs ? - Teaching Assistant

We are here to make your child's first year as enjoyable as possible, so if you have any worries or concerns, please do let us know.

If you feel you need to speak to a teacher at any point, please make an after school appointment as mornings are extremely busy and hectic times.



Starting at our school

Our Reception children will start their first day of school on **Thursday 2nd September.**

On **Thursday 2nd September** and **Friday 3rd September** Reception children are invited to come into school from **9am to 12 noon.**

For the **second week beginning 6th September** Reception children will continue to come to school from **9am to 12 noon.**

For the **third week beginning 13th September** Reception children can stay for lunch and should be **collected at 1pm.**

You will need to either provide a packed lunch or order a lunch through the Parent pay system - you will be given login details and instructions for this.

From the **fourth week beginning Monday 20th September** Reception children will attend school full time and be **collected at 3pm.**



The School day

If your child arrives at school by bus or taxi then they will be met and escorted into school by a member of staff.

Morning session: 9am - 12 noon

Afternoon session: 1pm - 3pm

Registers are taken promptly by the class teacher at 9.05am and 1pm.

If you arrive after 9.05am when the main doors have been closed then you will need to buzz the door and a member of the admin team will let you in.

If your child arrives after the register has closed at 9.10am they will be marked as officially late.

When it is time to pick up your child please wait outside the front entrance on a white spot so your child can be returned safely to you by a member of the Early Years team. Alternatively your child may go home by bus, taxi or Little Foxes in which case they will be escorted by a member of staff.



Our aims for the Early Years

- To make the learning process a stimulating, interactive and pleasurable experience for all children.
- To focus on the process of developing skills, rather than merely the outcome.
- To provide for each child's individual needs: supporting and extending them where appropriate and allowing them to learn at their own rate.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, that is based around purposeful play and that can be built upon Key Stage 1 and later skills.
- To develop children's independence and self-esteem, by providing a safe, secure environment, in which children are not afraid to explore or make mistakes.

Here at Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School we know that children come to us with vastly different experiences, abilities and an understanding of the world which is unique to themselves. As a result we take into account the individual needs and nature of each child, building on what they already know and can do.



What is the Foundation Stage?

The Foundation Stage is the stage of education for children from age **three** to the **end of the Reception year**.

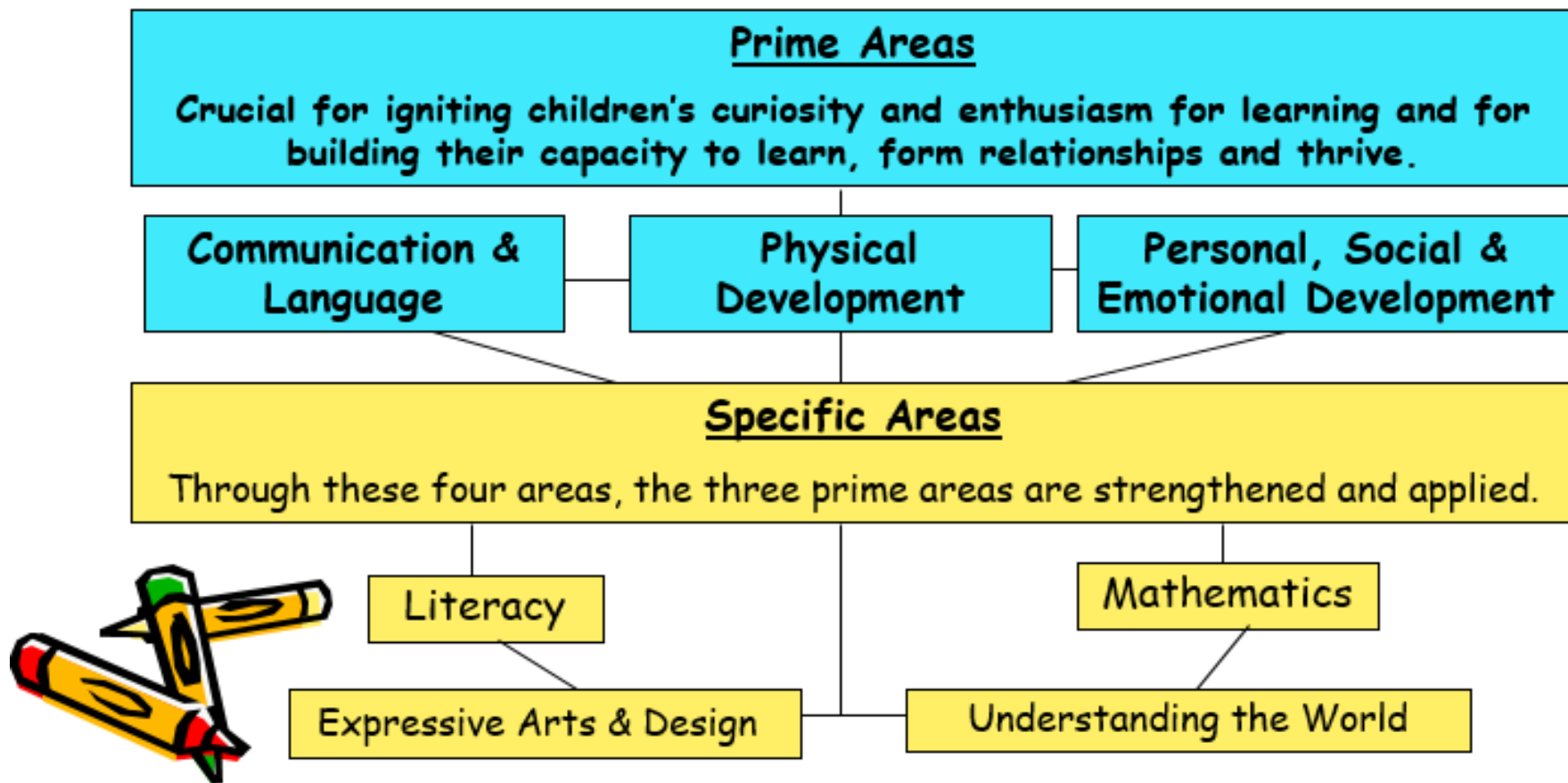
The Foundation Stage Curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.





The Foundation Stage Curriculum

The curriculum is organised into seven areas of learning. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.





Monitoring Progress

Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of 'Early Learning Goals'.

These **Early Learning Goals** are what the majority of children are expected to achieve by the end of the Foundation Stage year.

Teacher assessment enables us to make final judgements against the Early Learning Goals, at the end of the year.

We collate information about your child throughout the year.

Phonics



- To support children in learning new phonemes we introduce one new grapheme in a lesson. This enables the children to be introduced to each phoneme individually.
- We will send home materials to support your child and if you want any further information please don't hesitate to ask.
- We follow the 'Letter and Sounds' phonics programme through the LCP scheme.
- You will be invited to a Phonics and Early Reading information evening in the Autumn Term.

Reading



- To begin with the children will start with books without any text. This is to encourage them to use the picture clues to tell the story and to develop their oral story telling skills.
- As they become more confident with segmenting/blending and word recognition we encourage the children to read a range of phonetically decodable books.
- These can be fiction or nonfiction books with simple words and sentences.
- Once your child has been given a reading book, please support them at home to **read every day** for a short amount of time. They will also have a Reading record to write in when you have heard them read.
- We will also send home a fiction book for you to read, share and enjoy with your child.



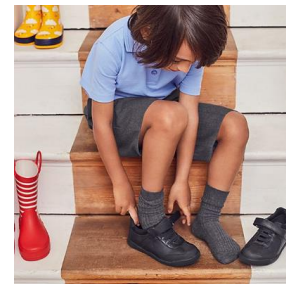
Getting ready for school

It is really important that you encourage your child to be prepared for starting school.

This can be achieved by supporting them to learn how to independently:

- Get dressed and undressed
- Zip up coats
- Put on shoes
- Go to the toilet and wash their hands
- Know when to ask for help

There is a leaflet in your EYFS Information Pack which will give you more advice and guide you in preparing your child for school.



School Uniform



We believe school uniform and a smart appearance promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school. We ask parents to support the school uniform policy as follows:

- Skirts/Pinafore dresses in grey (an appropriate length and fit for school wear)
- Shorts/Trousers - grey tailored (shorts should be knee length)
- Shirts/Polo shirts- pale blue or white
- Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Fleeces - navy blue
- Blue and white striped or gingham dresses for the summer
- Socks - white, grey or black
- Tights - white, grey or black
- Shoes/Sandals - black or brown, sensible and safe for children to run around in (No boots). White shoes/sandals can be worn in the Summer.
- Jewellery - no jewellery except stud earrings, which will need to be taken out or covered up for P.E. lessons
- School sunhats with the school logo are available to purchase

Please ensure shoulder length and long hair is tied back with **discreet** hair accessories in navy, black or white.



What else does my child need?

- P.E. kit: T Shirt - navy blue with school logo or white (**No Football shirts or Designer shirts**)
T Shirt in house colours of red, blue, green or yellow are worn on Sports Day
Shorts - navy blue or black
School sweatshirt/School fleece/Hoodie with school logo - navy blue
(**No branded or designer logoed sweatshirts or hoodies**)
Trainers that offer correct support and comfort
- Children will come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.
- Book bags - to keep reading books/letters/home learning packs etc
- Outdoor clothing - we spend lots of time outdoors, rain or shine. Please can you provide your child with a pair of wellington boots (that can stay in school), a waterproof coat, sunhat and sun cream.

Uniform and P.E. kit can be purchased directly from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists - see the flyer in your welcome pack. <https://www.monkhouse.com/>

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

BIRO PEN IS NOT SUITABLE FOR LABELLING AS IT COMES OFF IN THE WASH.



Lunchtimes and Playtimes

- Playtimes are 10.45 - 11am
- Children do not need to bring in a snack. Fruit is provided just before break time to all children.
- Milk is provided free to all Foundation Stage children.
- Water is also available in the classroom throughout the day.
- Free meals are available for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.
- Meals need to be ordered by Monday the week before - there is an example of the menu in your packs

How do I know what is going on in school/in the classroom?



Every term the children in Foundation Stage explore different topics/themes. To help you support your child in their learning at home we send out a newsletter at the start of every term explaining what the new topic/theme. This is sent out as a paper copy.

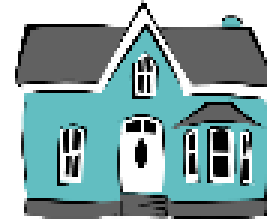
Beech class website page is also used to show photographs of the children and explain what they have been doing in school.

www.brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

School newsletters are distributed by email however paper copies are available on request. Any letters that need consent/reply will be sent as a paper copy and given to your child to put in their book bag.

All copies of correspondence are put onto the school website.

Home or Virtual visits



During the first couple of weeks when the children are at school part-time all children and families are offered a home or virtual visit.

These visits enable us to build a holistic picture of your child, we get to know what they like and dislike, favourite toys and their personality. It is also another opportunity for us to talk informally and answer any questions and for your child to get to know their teachers.

We will contact you before the end of term to offer you a day and time that we will come and visit you either in your home or virtually.



EYFS Information Pack

There is a EYFS Information Pack for you which contains information about the Foundation Stage, a data collection sheet and general information such as uniform order forms and details of school meals.

If you can post or drop in all completed forms, you will find in the pack, before the end of July it would be appreciated.



BEDSA - Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



BEDSA is a registered charity with the main aim to have fun whilst raising money for the school. It is an active and enthusiastic school association, who organise fun events for both children and adults to raise money for the school. Events have included: discos for children, film nights, an adult bingo night.

These events have raised money which has enabled the school to purchase resources that we would not ordinarily be able to. BEDSA have also contributed considerably to school trips which help to keep the costs down. They are always on the lookout for new recruits and your support would be much appreciated.

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Terry Jones

PSA (Parent Support Advisor)



This is Terry our PSA. She offers a wide range of support for parents including behaviour and offering advice on family matters.

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Finally...

Please look through your EYFS information pack.

If you have any questions or concerns please do
contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you and your
child to Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE School.

