

Holywell Primary School



The Spirit to Succeed

Induction for New Reception Parents



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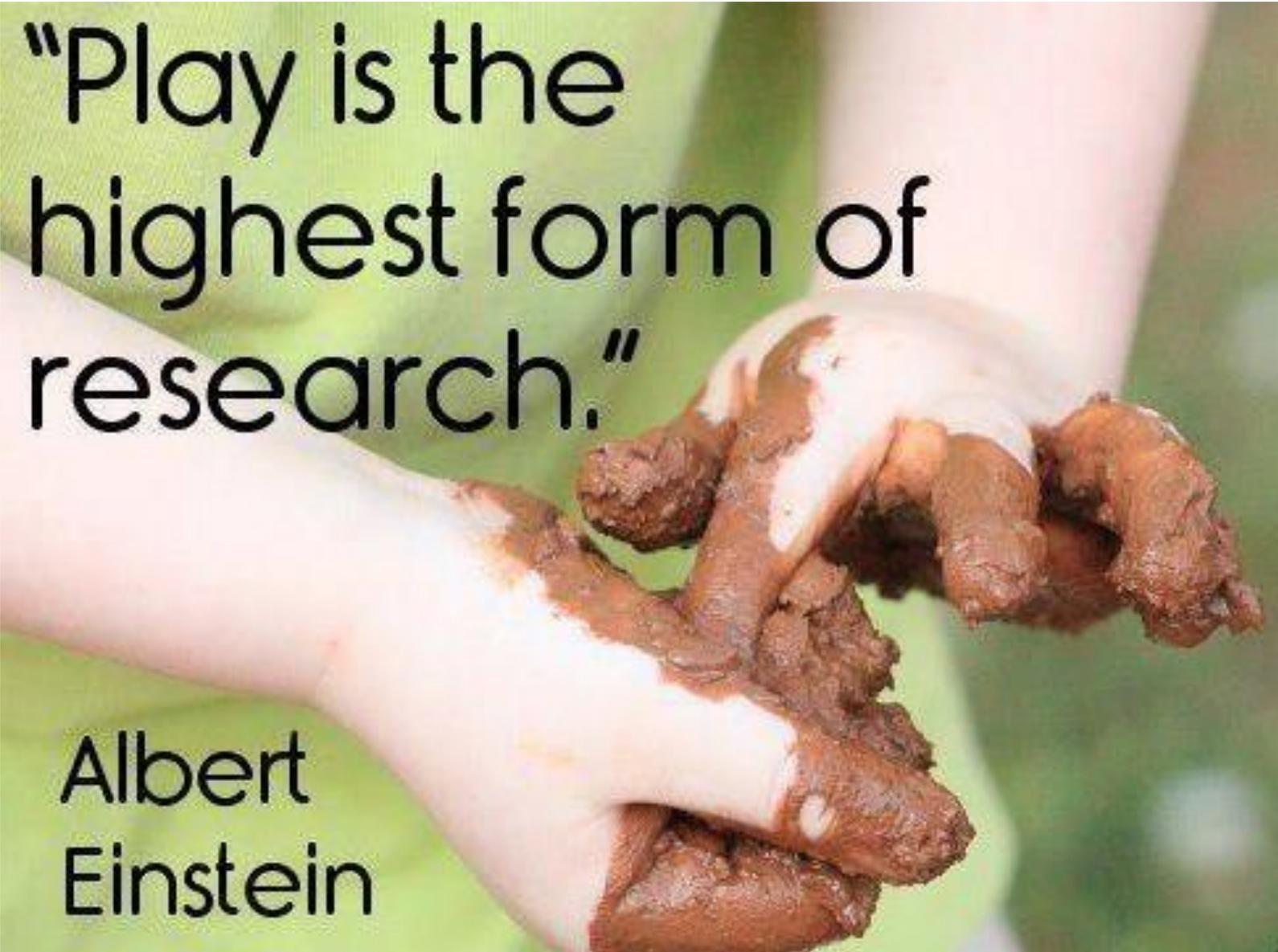
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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.) is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Reception year**.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.



A close-up photograph of a child's hands holding a piece of ginger root. The ginger is brown and knobby, with some white peeling on the child's fingers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

“Play is the
highest form of
research.”

Albert
Einstein

The Curriculum

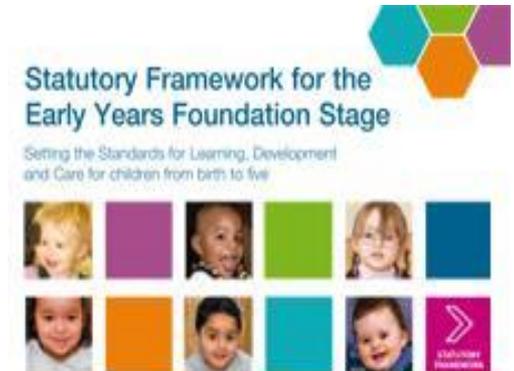
In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 3 prime areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 4 specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

These specific areas of learning will slot into in the school curriculum and include aspects of art, music, science and technology.

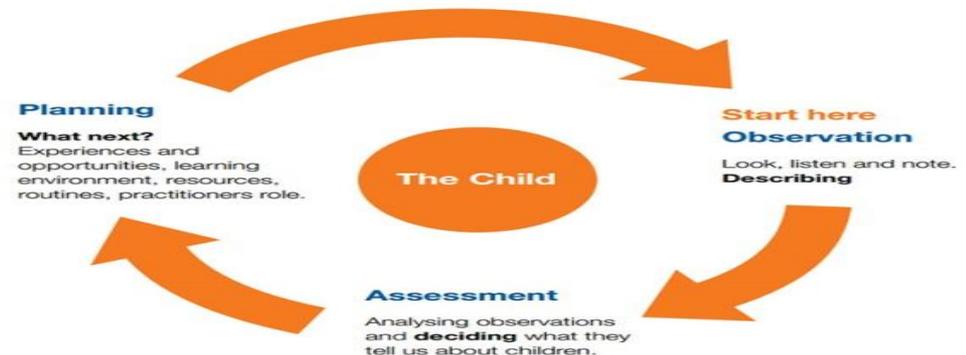


The early years foundation stage



Assessment in the Early Years

- For each of the areas there are Early Years Outcomes. These are broken down into age-related expectations. At the end of the Reception year children are expected to be working at the Early Learning Goal.
- Assessment is on-going throughout their time in Reception and is based on observations and group work. Teaching and learning will reflect what the child knows and what his/her next steps are.
- Assessment is not a test but an evaluation of a child's attainment and for us to know where they are working and how we can support them to achieve their next steps.



Topics & Themes



- We plan learning around the children's interest.
- The day is timetabled for children to take part in adult led learning and child initiated learning.
- Learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom.
- Each term there is a new topic which is divided into sub topics, our first topic in the Autumn term will be 'All About Us.'
- Help or expertise from our parents is always welcomed.



Tapestry

- We use Tapestry, an online learning journal, to record each child's learning.
- Each family will receive a personal login to their child's page. If you child attended the nursery at Holywell their learning journals will continue into Reception.
- You can then see what your children have been learning and add information about their learning at home to their profile



Reception Routine

8.45am	Busy fingers
9.05am	Good morning carpet session
9.10am	Phonics
9.35am	Literacy
10.05am	Child Initiated Learning/Snack
11.15am	Mathematics
11.50am	Lunch
1.05pm	Busy fingers
1.15pm	Topic
2.10pm	Child initiated learning
2.55pm	Story/songs/rhymes
3.15pm	Home time

P.E once a week

Snack Time

- Every child in the Foundation Stage will be provided with a snack of fruit or vegetables.
- Water is always available, please provide a water bottle everyday.
- Please inform us about any allergies.

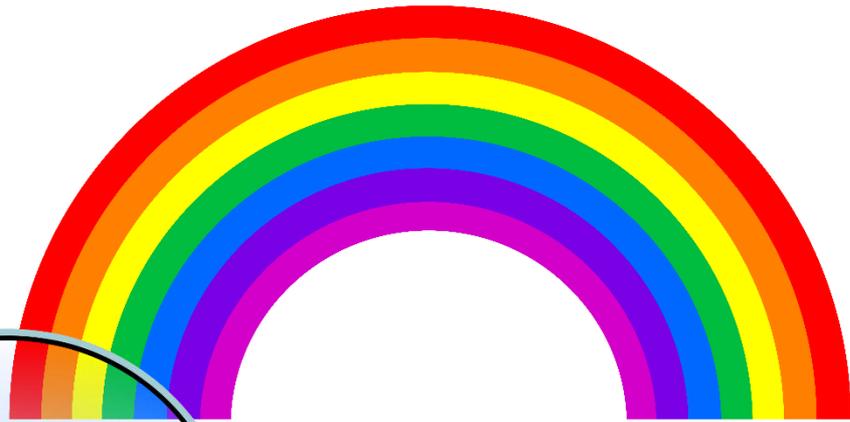


Lunch

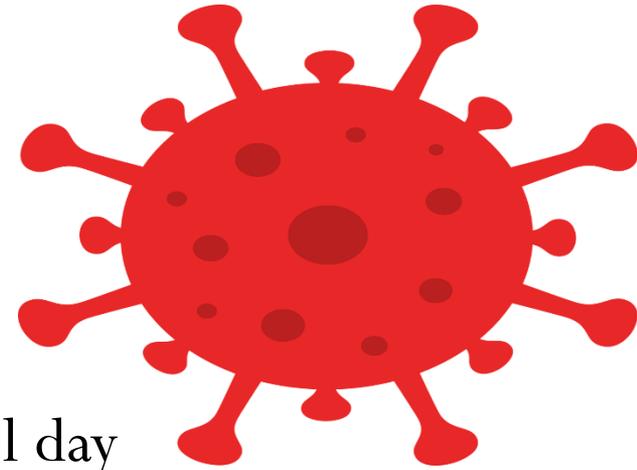
- The children have 2 consistent supervisors to support and monitor their play.
- Children can choose to eat a healthy packed lunch from home or a free school dinner.
- Children can sit with their friends in the hall.
- Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are worried about the amount of food your child is eating.



Behaviour System



Covid -19



- Washing hands 6 times or more / school day
- Keeping children in their bubble
- Please use the one way route system to drop and pick up your child.
- Please provide spare clothes for you child
- Bring your own water bottle. Cups are not provided!
- No toys from home allowed!

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are very important for your child to achieve at the right level. We can only do this if parents support us fully and if we all understand the importance of NOT taking term time holidays or absences from school.

What do the attendance figures mean for my child?

96 - 100%: Good or better attendance

91 - 95%: Risk of underachievement

85 - 90%: Cause for concern and serious risk of underachievement

Below 85%: Serious cause for concern and underachievement. Fast-track by Local Authority

Illness, Absence and Safeguarding

- If your child is sick or has an upset stomach please keep them at home for 48 hours.
- If your child has a cold or other minor illness, they may still come to school. Please advise the office if they require medicine.
- Please avoid booking holidays in school time.
- If someone else is picking up your child, please let us know in advance. We will not allow your child to leave with another adult unless we have prior permission.
- Please do not use mobile phones in the classroom or take photographs of other children.



Medical

- Please ensure that you have completed the confidential medical form to make us aware of any medical needs.
- Asthma pumps and Epipens – we need to see the prescription on the box. These are to be kept in school, but are still parent/carers' responsibility.
- If your child has an accident at school it will be recorded appropriately and if necessary reported to you.
- Make us aware of any injuries they have before coming into school.
- Ensure that we always have up to date contact numbers.



School Uniform

- **Maroon Sweatshirt** - available to purchase from the school office
- **White Polo Shirt** - with school logo (available from the school office) or plain
- **Grey trousers / skirt**
- **Sensible school shoes** (no sandals or trainers please)
- **Red Check dress / smart grey trouser shorts** (Summer Term only)
- Children will also be expected to wear the school PE Kit which consists of maroon shorts, white t-shirt with the school logo and black plimsolls
- All children need to bring a bag to school daily.
- Uniform can be purchased from the School Office
- **Please make sure that all school clothes, indoor and out, are named.**



What your child needs to bring everyday

- Book bag
- Water bottle (water only)
- Hat for sunny days
- Coat
- No toys will be needed!
- Spare clothes



PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!