

Welcome to Reception!

We can't wait to meet you in September and wanted to write you a letter to show you what it is like to be in Orange Class at Biddick Hall Infant and Nursery School.

Orange Class – Staffing Team



Mrs Brayson
Class Teacher



Miss Taylor
Class Teaching Assistant



Mr Bruce
Support Teaching Assistant

One of our team will greet you at our Reception Gate each morning and you can say goodbye to your grown up before walking into our outside area. Staff will be waiting in our outdoor area and cloakroom to help you find your own coat peg. Your coat peg will have your photograph and name on.

Please line up and approach the gate, one adult at a time and say your child's name. This can take a little bit of time at the start of the year until we get to know all of the grown-ups and children.

If someone else is picking up your child, you will need to ring our school office and provide their name and date of birth following our Safeguarding procedures.

***Please note** – Orange Class will open the gate at the start of the day and home time to greet and dismiss their class before Yellow Class. If in Yellow Class please wait until the gate is closed and one of Yellow Class' staff open the gate at the above times. This is to help keep the classes separate and so parents can speak to the correct staff members if they have any news or questions regarding their child.

What you will need:

- Change of clothes (spare underwear, tights/socks, trousers/skirt, polo shirt and plimsolls if possible) These will be kept in their own personal school bag provided on their pegs. No bags are required from home.
- Wellies (to be kept in school to allow for outside water and muddy play)
- Water bottle (This will be provided by school on your child's first day – please ensure they bring it to school every day with fresh water in)

A Day in Reception

Each day you will say goodbye to your grown up at the gate, walk into our outside area and into the cloakroom to hang your belongings up on your own peg. Your peg will have your name and photo on it so you can find it all by yourself. Your teacher will be at the door ready to greet you with a smile. Throughout the day you will learn your phonic sounds, have large group time on the carpet and complete small group time activities with your friends and teachers. In both the morning and the afternoon you will get Work Time. Work Time is when you get to choose what activities you want to do and where you want to learn. You can choose to play inside or outside. During lunch time, Reception children all go into the dinner hall together and choose what they would like to eat. You can carry your own tray and cutlery! We always read the menu each day before lunch time begins and talk about the options. A copy of the lunch menu options can be found on our school website or you can request a copy from the school office.

Outdoor area



We have a fantastic outside area that we can use all day long! Usually at some point through the day both Yellow and Orange class are allowed to mix in this area. If you have friends in a different class this will be when you are able to see them as well as at playtime after dinner. Can you see our herb garden? We grow herbs and use them with playdough and sometimes cooking. You will be able to help look after our outdoor area by caring for the plants and when looking out for wildlife too. We like to make bird feeders over Winter and look at minibeasts over Summer. There's also a climbing frame, big tyres, tunnel, construction, mud kitchen and water area. We will also set up lots of fun activities over the year to support you with your learning such as Den building and designing boats that we will sail and race in our water area.

Inside our classrooms

In our classroom, we have a large carpet area where we sit for phonics lessons, for story time and when we talk about new topics and sing songs. We call this "Large Group Time". We learn altogether on the carpet and then go off in small groups to complete our tasks. Sometimes we work with an adult and sometimes we work independently with our friends. We have a creative area, writing area, maths area, role play area, playdough area, construction and small world areas for you to learn in. So there is lots of choice and lots for you to do. Both classes have a large reading area outside their classrooms for you to use with puppets, story headphones and different types of books. We also have access to computers and Ipads in our classes too! Throughout your weeks in Reception, we will learn about different topics such as Autumn, Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year, People who Help us and many more.

Questions

We are really looking forward to meeting you all soon and your grown ups too! More information will be sent to your grown up soon about transition days and contact details.

If there is anything more you would like to know about school please put your questions in an email to our school office with the title "My questions about Reception" and we will make sure we get back to you.

office@biddickhallinfants.co.uk

Thank you

Mrs Brayson

Miss Taylor

Mr Bruce