



# Our Reception Classes



We would like to welcome your child and your family to our Reception classes.

Starting full time school is another significant milestone in your child's life and we will do all we can to help them feel safe and secure in our school environment. We look forward to working with you as a family to educate and support your child through these valuable early years at our Infant School.

The photographs shared in this booklet can also be viewed on our website in the parents section: [www.norton-inf.uk](http://www.norton-inf.uk)

As we can not currently offer our usual transition activities, you can prepare your child for starting school by starting to talk about the people they will be spending time with:

## Our Reception Staff:

**Mrs Powell - EYFS Leader & Class 1 teacher:**



**Mrs Ponsonby - Deputy Headteacher & Class 2 teacher:**



**Mrs Henderson - Class 1 teacher (Monday),  
Class 2 teacher (Tuesday):**



Mrs Doidge - Teaching assistant:



Miss Staves - Teaching assistant:



Mrs Greenwood - Speech and Language Higher Level Teaching Assistant:



## Miss Tunney - Headteacher:



### Our Environment:

Each classroom can accommodate 30 children.

Class 1 and 2 form part of our Reception bay. Each classroom is set up as an individual learning space with the same areas of learning for children to access. The classrooms share a wet area where children from both classes can access sand, water, painting, playdough etc. so they have the opportunity to mix together regardless of which class they are in.

Children from Class 1 and 2 share our outdoor learning space so again there will be plenty of opportunities for them to spend time together.

At lunchtime, children will eat their lunch in the main school hall and then spend time playing outside before returning to the classroom for the afternoon session. Lunchtime is a time that some children can feel anxious about but we are here to support them. Your child will be able to choose their meal from 2 options every day. They will then be given either a red or green band to reflect their choice at lunchtime. They will show this band to the kitchen staff who will serve them their lunch

It will help your child if you can talk to them about the areas they will be able to play and learn in whilst at school:



Reading area where you can snuggle up and read a book.

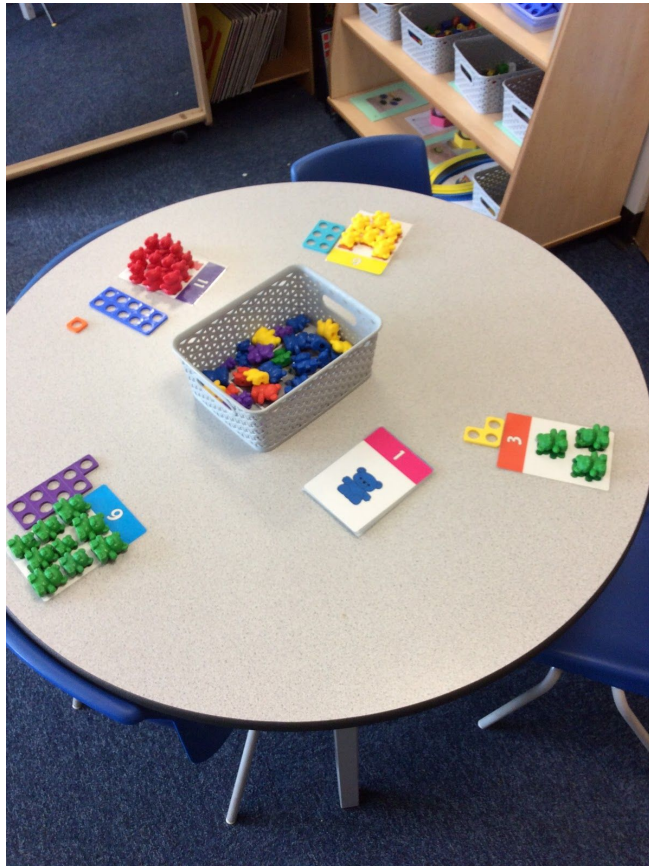


Mark making area where you can draw, write and do finger exercises to make your little fingers stronger.



ICT area - you can use the computers or play with programmable toys.





Each classroom has a number area.



We have a small world and construction area in each classroom.

Each classroom also has access to a sand, water, painting, home corner and playdough area.



Our school hall where we do PE and also eat our dinner.  
PE kit information can be found in the school prospectus:  
<https://norton-inf.uk/key-information/prospectus/>



Each classroom has its own bathroom area.





We are always busy being creative.



We share our learning on our classroom display walls.



You will also spend lots of time outside in the same area that you used if you went to our nursery:











## Starting Reception:

We admit children into Reception in stages as we find this helps them to settle quicker and easier into the school routine. However, we do endeavour to get all children in full time as soon as possible in the new school year. For the first few days your child will spend just the morning or afternoon in their new class (depending on the session they attended nursery) and then will attend full time, staying for lunch after this initial settling in period. We will work with you and your child to ensure this process is as smooth as possible for us all.



## Our curriculum:

Our curriculum is designed to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework. Teachers plan and provide opportunities to allow your child to play, learn and develop throughout their early years in school. More details about the EYFS can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Parents' Guide to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework What is the Early Years Foundation Stage? What is the EYFS Frame](#)

Our curriculum approach is to teach knowledge and skills based content through cross subject learning expeditions. Each expedition is rigorously mapped against the National Curriculum Standards and Early Years Foundation Stage framework to ensure coverage and depth. Expeditions are carefully planned and sequenced to build on prior learning and experiences thus giving the children the knowledge and self belief they need to succeed in life and become well educated citizens. For more information about our curriculum, please see the link to our school prospectus below:

We will also send out termly overviews of our expeditions so you can see what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home.

Please share this booklet, and particularly the photographs with your child frequently before they start Reception in September. Talk as much as possible about the upcoming change to prepare them. Focus on the fun they will have and the friends they will make and all of the exciting opportunities they will have.

We fully appreciate how difficult starting full time school will be for some children and families this year and it is unfortunate that some of you will not be able to visit their new classroom before they start in September. However, for those of you who have already been to our Nursery, Mrs Murray and Mrs Bradshaw have shared all the lovely things they know about you with your new teachers. In the meantime, if you require your child's new class teacher to give you a call to discuss any personal queries or concerns you may have, please email [admin@norton-inf.uk](mailto:admin@norton-inf.uk) and we will get in touch with you.

Many thanks and we look forward to meeting you all and working with you all very soon.

