



## Welcome to our Foundation Stage page.

We are two happy and enthusiastic classes who enjoy learning through play. Dove class is taught by Miss Harris and the children are supported in their learning by Mrs Jones and Wren Class is taught by Mrs Chandler and supported by Mrs Freeman.

Our role is to create exciting and meaningful opportunities to support each of the children in reaching the next step in their individual learning journey and to celebrate each and every one of their successes.

In both classes, we promote a strong sense of independence and encourage the children to always try their very best in all that they do.

Miss Harris



Mrs Jones



Mrs Chandler



Mrs Freeman



## Our Learning Environment



### *Daily routines...*

Every day we enjoy the following:

- ✓ Phonics
- ✓ Plan Do Review (Child initiated learning time)
- ✓ Focus Activities (Adult initiated learning time)
- ✓ Squiggle While You Wiggle (Large gross motor movements to music to support children in their writing)
- ✓ Snack time and Class worship
- ✓ Reading activities

Once per week the children take part in an adult led PE session which include skills such as ball skills, balancing and games, all of which are linked to the Early Years curriculum. In addition to daily class worship, the children also enjoy a weekly RE session where they learn about what Christians believe, stories from the bible and the stories told and believed by people of different faiths and beliefs.

### *Sharing books...*

At the end of each week, the children will bring home a Sharing Book, which they can use to record what they have been up to over the weekend. This can be recorded in whichever way the child chooses, including sticking in pictures, drawing and writing, and returned to school the following week. The children are given opportunities to share their books and experiences with the rest of the class, building their confidence with speaking in front of others. Our children really enjoy sharing their books with others and is also a great way to record their first year with us in foundation stage!

The sharing book is also used as a way to share with you, the new sounds that the children have been learning during their phonics sessions, and is a great way for the children to show off their new reading skills at home.

### *Reading...*

At the beginning of the school year, the children are invited to choose a book from our Class Library to take home and enjoy with their families. These books are returned to school the following week, and changed for a new one. Our aim is to instil a love of stories, books and reading and do this by sharing both fiction and non-fiction stories with the children on a regular basis. As the children's confidence in applying their phonics to their reading grows, reading scheme books will be sent home to enjoy.



Reading is one of the most important things you can do with your child and this should be done daily. Remember to fill in the contact book each time your child has been listened to. Make reading interactive by asking questions about the story as well as making predictions about what is going to happen next.

We expect children to bring their reading books and reading records into class on their reading day as this will enable us to see how often they read as well as reply to any notes you may have written. Children will have a set day to read to the class teacher, which will be recorded on the front of their record book.

### *Library Visit...*

Wren class will take a trip to Strood library each term and a message will be sent out to parents and carers to confirm dates closer to the time.

The library trip offers the children opportunities to explore different books and enjoy time reading in small groups. Later on in the year, children will also have the opportunity to borrow books to bring home.



### *Reading Lego Brick Challenge...*

We have introduced a new class reading reward scheme to encourage reading at home. If children read 3 times in a week they will receive a 'Lego brick' on our display. When they have 3 'Lego bricks' they will gain a 'golden brick'. When they have 2 golden bricks they will receive a prize.



### *Active Learning...*



Here at Wouldham All Saints we embrace all things active! Along with free flow access to the outside area during the children's Plan Do Review time, we also enjoy the Daily Mile, Active Maths of the day, swimming, Forest School learning, as well as a variety of indoor and outdoor sports during PE lessons.