

Settling in Meeting Thursday 17th September





Mrs Parsons - Wrens Class teacher and
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
Leader

Miss Tookey - Robins Class teacher



Mrs Kemsley and Mrs Woodhead
- Swallows Class teachers



Thank You!

Settling into school

Please tell us...

- If you are worried...
- If there are any changes at home.

The first few weeks

- ▣ A wobble doesn't mean they hate school! SO common after initially skipping in happily.
- ▣ They will be absolutely EXHAUSTED- Year R is tiring in a way that is hard to appreciate - listening, sharing, remembering, friendships, being away from you - early nights and quieter weekends help here.
- ▣ The after school meltdowns can be HUGE! They have spent all day holding it together in a brand new environment. Home is their safe space to release some of that emotion - this will pass as they build up stamina

The first few weeks

- Don't expect a full debrief at 3.10pm - Snack Cuddle - the stories often come later
- Lower the bar at home a little for a while - they don't need to do a workbook, they don't need to practise everything they have learned in the day - they need food, play, rest and you - let school be enough
- And this is for you..... It's a huge adjustment for you Be kind to yourselves as you say goodbye to the pre school stage. You have not lost them, they are going to thrive in school and you are going to love this next stage!

Contacting us

If you need to contact your child's class teacher....

- At the classroom door - quick message or question whenever possible - mornings can get busy
- At the end of the day
- Email office@thegattons.co.uk Telephone or pop to the office and messages will be passed on - we will get back to you as soon as we can
- Please allow 48 hours for an email response (Mon- Fri) between 8.30 and 5pm
- We thank you for respecting our work life balance

How you can help

- Please name all clothes, shoes and wellies - please rename sibling clothes wherever possible!
- No water bottles in book bags -they leak!
- Please supervise children in the mornings and at the end of the day.
- Please don't sit on school equipment or allow your child to play with the equipment before and after school.
- Talk to me sheets - talk about what has gone on in school that week
- Reading books - Home readers and phonics books 4 x week please
- Come to class and school events
- Volunteer to help !

The Reception Year Group

- All teachers plan together to develop the children's interests and skills.
- What the children need to learn during the year is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.
- Each class teacher follows the interests of the children in their class.
- Children will all be at different stages. Teachers will assess where they are and plan to move them on in their learning - this will go on throughout your child's time at school.
- Teachers plan together every fortnight, this is called PPA time. Your child's class will have a regular PPA teacher who they will get to know well.

The Year Ahead- Our Curriculum

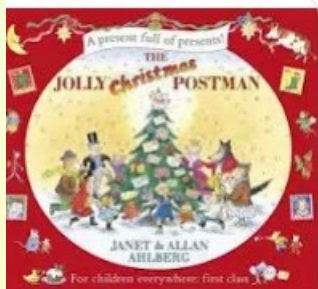


Long Term Plan - EYFS

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
MARVELLOUS ME HOW AM I SPECIAL? 	SUPERHEROES WHO ARE REAL LIFE SUPERHEROES? 	ONCE UPON A TIME WHAT MAKE A GOOD STORY? 	TRANSPORT I WONDER WHAT MOVES ? 	ANIMALS! 	COME OUTSIDE HOW CAN I CARE FOR NATURE 

Coming Up this Year

- Lots of local visitors - we welcome your skills - do let us know
- World Nursery Rhyme Week - sponsored rhymes
- Nativity
- Jolly Christmas Postman Workshop
- Rainbow Theatre
- Washbrooks Farm Trip
- Library trip
- St Edwards Church



Reminders



- ❑ Free milk until 5 years old - you may pay for your child to have milk after that. Sign up if you haven't done so yet
- ❑ Free fruit at snack time in the morning. No nuts or nut products in packed lunches
- ❑ Water bottle - No screw on lids please WATER only
- ❑ Book bag and reading diary in school daily -One key ring only please! No large backpacks
- ❑ PE starts next week - come in named PE Kit
- ❑ Wellies to stay at school; NAMED ON THE BOTTTOM
- ❑ PLEASE PRACTISE PUTTING ON COATS!

Safer eating

The EYFS framework for childminders and the EYFS framework for group and school-based providers requires providers to take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well -

- Lunch Boxes
- Cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters.
- Cut large fruits like melon and hard fruit or vegetables, like raw apple and carrot, into slices or narrow batons instead of small chunks.
- Sausages these should be cut into thin, short strips rather than chunks.
- Cut cheese into strips rather than chunks.
- Do not give popcorn as a snack.

Only provide fresh tap water and plain milk for children



Reminders



- EARLY HELP -can support families for a range of challenges
- PPG - .Please do speak to the office or class teacher if you think you might be eligible.
- Online safety - Roblox
<https://www.esrb.org/blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-roblox-2/>

Fortnite 12

Tik Tok 13 years

Netflix You Tube

Please check your parental controls



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

We can use it to record children's learning and development using tablet devices and PCs

It creates a two way communication between us (the staff), and you.

We can upload media, meaning you can see pictures and videos of what your child is really up to whilst they are with us

There are greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home and you can tell us what they have been doing out of school



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You should have received an activation email.

On the website there are instructions on how to set up the app on your phone or tablet.

<https://www.thegattons.co.uk/tapestry/>

This guide is on Tapestry

<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/47795-tutorials-contents-page-for-relatives/>



TAPESTRY
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We will put phonics and words of the week on Tapestry every week.





- New phonic scheme validated by DFE
- Four new sounds each week and
Harder to Read and Spell Words
- Every Friday children will be allocated
a new decodable book containing the
sounds learnt that week. Please read it
4 times with your child.
- Please enjoy and change home readers
which will be put outside the classroom



- <https://vimeo.com/641445921/9382cf6db0>

Link above to Phase 2 Sounds and
will be on the website

Lots more detailed information at
the Reading Meeting on Tuesday
September 29th at 7pm

Dates for your Diary

- Reading Meeting Tuesday 29th
September 7pm
- Learning at School on Thursday 5th
November 9am
- Reception Nativity Monday 14th
December 9.20am and 2.15 pm

Any Questions?

