

**WATLINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESILIENT

Foundation Stage 2023-2024

Welcome and introductions

Thank you for joining our school

‘Bright Futures for all’

High expectations, from the start

Lots of exciting opportunities

Happy environment for pupils, and staff

A play based approach to learning in the Early Years

‘play is the highest form of research’

You are part of our whole school family

Whole School

Foundation
Stage

Nursery

Reception

Key Stage
One

Year 1

Year 2

Key Stage
Two

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



Early Years Staffing.

Early Years Lead/Reception Teacher:

Mrs Tanner

Nursery Nurses:

Mrs Priddle and Miss Franklin

Foundation Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Brown, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Heycock

Transition so far...

- ▶ As part of our whole school 'Jigsaw' programme, we have been discussing transition / moving on during lesson time.
- ▶ Teachers have met to discuss children; academic and pastoral information has been shared. Thank you to everyone who has returned the '**All About Me**' forms, these enable us to get to know children and families and helps us tune into what interests each individual child.
- ▶ Teachers will speak with current settings / families and to discuss their strengths and areas for development. If you feel there is some key information you need to discuss with the teacher please email the class email and request a phone call or a home visit and we will do our best to speak to you.
- ▶ Transition visits planned - see transition letters.
- ▶ Some settings are also welcoming a visit.



Early Years Curriculum

- ▶ We will hold a curriculum meeting in the Autumn term to explain more about the Early Years Framework and our approach to learning in Foundation Stage.
- ▶ The EYFS framework sets the standards to make sure children from birth to 5 learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe.
- ▶ Talk 4 Writing is a whole school approach that provides us with a framework to teach high quality literacy based around a range of books across the year.
- ▶ Phonics and Maths taught daily.
- ▶ **For Reception.** We are using the statutory Baseline Assessment. It allows the teacher to spend one to one time with your child to get to know them and their learning needs.
- ▶ **For Nursery.** WellComm toolkit used to screen children's speech and language for all in Nursery.



The Early Years Curriculum Framework 2021

We will...

Provide enriching experiences through free play and adult led activities

Observe your child's attitude to learning

Focus on the **prime** areas of learning-

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Physical Development (Fine and Gross Motor skills)
3. Communication and Language

Encourage the **specific** areas of learning-

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design



Early Reading

Read, read, read.... Please read with your child every day!

“Reading to children aged 4-5 everyday has a significant positive effect on their reading and thinking skills later in life.”

“Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on their child’s reading skills as being 6 months older.”

“Children who read for pleasure are likely to do better in maths and English, than those who rarely read.”

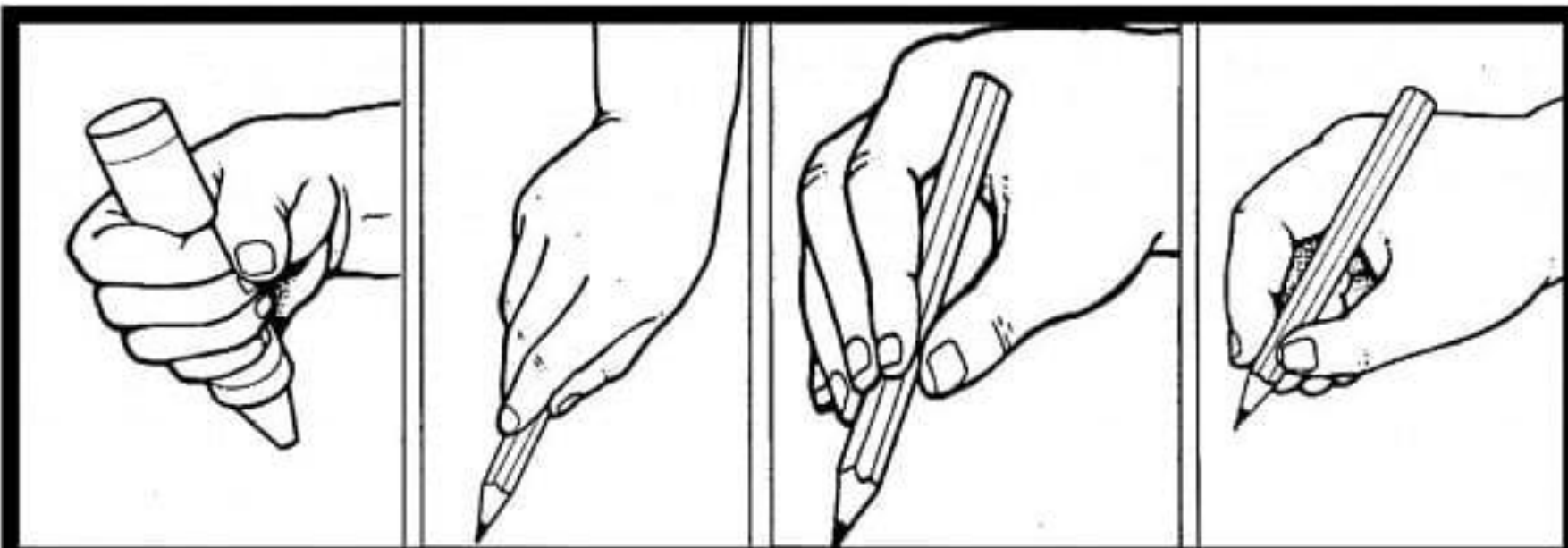
“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”



Early Mark Making

- ▶ Mark making everywhere - messy play / multisensory
- ▶ Funky fingers - finger strengthening
- ▶ Building early experiences which lead to a love of reading and writing in Reception.



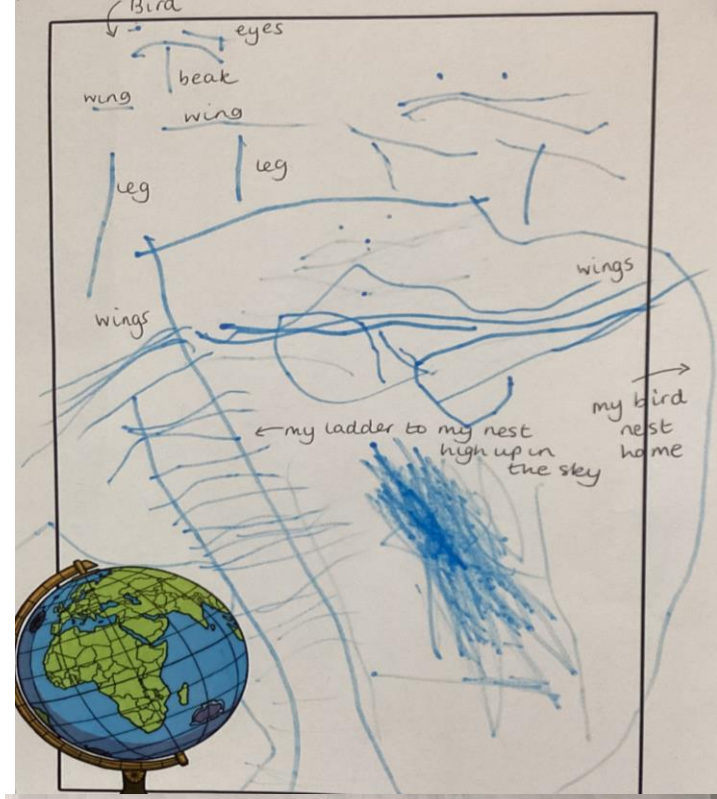


1—1 1/2 years
Cylindrical Grasp

2—3 years
Digital Grasp

3 1/2—4 years
Modified Tripod Grasp

4 1/2—7 years
Tripod Grasp



If you throw something
Up into Space
it won't come
bac down.

← Throwing a rock up into space. It won't come down it will just float around.

I can use finger spaces and a full stop.

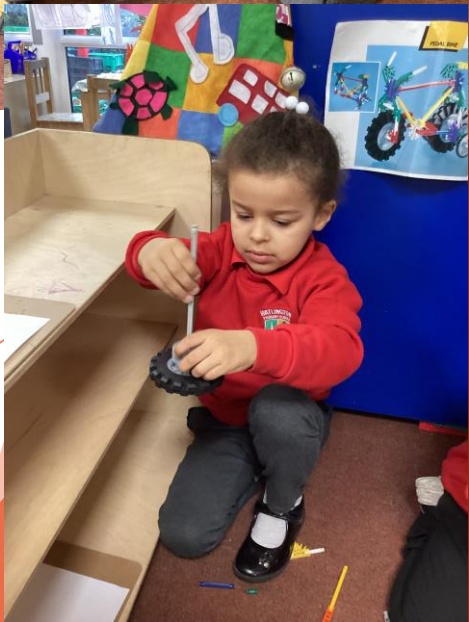
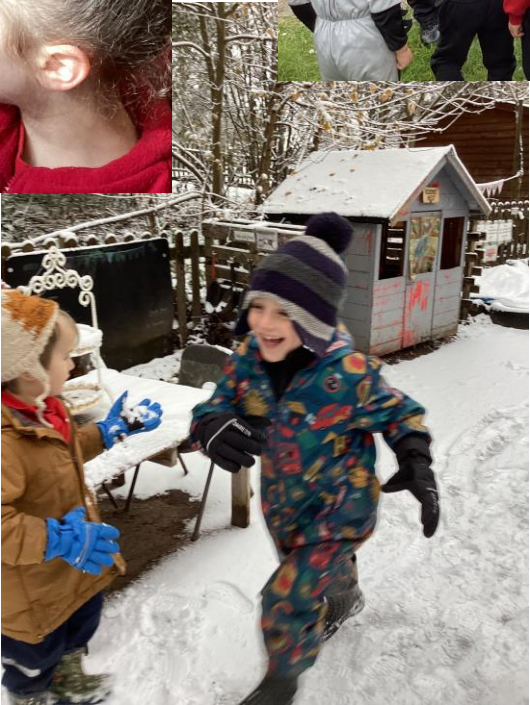
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wont to ^{grow} beey a teacher.
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Welcome to Nursery (Robins)



We are Reception (Hedgehogs Class) and we have an open door policy with free flow play between Robins and Hedgehogs.



What does our outdoor area look like?



What does a day in Foundation Stage class look like?

- Hedgehogs 8.40am Robins 8.45am
- Enter through black / red gate, self-registration and free play
- 10.00 am Hand wash, snack and talk time
- 10.20am Indoor and outdoor free play
- 11.10am Maths / Phonics
- 11.30 Lunchtime
- 12am Outdoor play
- 1pm Phonics (Rec) / Stories and quiet time (Nursery)
- 1.30pm Indoor and outdoor free play
- 2.15 Tidy up time
- 2.30 Story / song
- 3pm Home time (Robins)
- 3.15pm Home time (Hedgehogs)



We can offer:

...an exciting start to your child's learning

...rich learning opportunities

...to follow individual interests

...positive relationships - an enthusiastic team

...a stimulating environment - sparks curiosity



In return we ask you to...

- communicate with us about any issues however small
- engage with your child's learning
- adopt good practice i.e. routines, bedtimes, attitude to learning, behaviour oral hygiene, screen time



Essentials for start of term are for you to let us know what we need to know about your child....

- Use the **All About Me Form**, email to office when completed or drop in letter box.
- Preferred names -e.g. Oliver is Ollie, let us know.
- **Illnesses or allergies should be shared with us before your child comes for their first transition visit**
 - Before Wednesday 10th July (NEW Hedgehogs)
 - Before first session on September (NEW Robins)
- Any ongoing toileting issues

What will my child need?

- Reception - school uniform, including practical school shoes.
- Nursery - school uniform is not compulsory but must wear practical shoes
- All children need the following AT ALL TIMES:
- Water bottle - water only
- Waterproof trousers, waterproof coat and welly boots
- Spare clothes in a small bag / rucksack
- Book Bag - named on the outside please
- PE kit (after October half term only) for Reception
- **Name everything!!!!!!!**



Lunches

- Packed lunch OR a pre-ordered school lunch.
School lunches - **Caterlink** - the office will send you info about registering
Reception are *eligible to government funded school dinners.*
Nursery children must pay. Staff cannot register your child on Caterlink.
- Water bottles - water - no squash or flavoured water
- Blueberries/grapes/cherry tomatoes **must** be cut up.
- **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE NUTS IN LUNCHES ie Nutella.**

Snack time:

- A piece of fruit and milk are provided for all.
- FSM - Free School Meals eligibility - Speak to Office

Healthy Smiles!

We are proud to have achieved the Healthy Smiles accreditation this year.

Promoting awareness around:

- oral hygiene
- healthy eating
- personal care
- dental care



Ways to support your child over the Summer holiday...

- ▶ Keep talking positively about school and show your children the Hedgehogs and Robins webpages

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- ▶ Promote independence - toilet, eating and dressing.
- ▶ Can your child have a little chat with other people?
- ▶ Can they answer a simple question? Eg *What did you do at the weekend? How are you feeling today?*

This will build their confidence and always serve them well!

- ▶ Have a wander down and look through the black fence!

Involving you next year...

- ▶ Class email address:

hedgehogs@watlington.oxon.sch.uk

robins@watlington.oxon.sch.uk

- ▶ You will be invited in for WOW events, open afternoons and assemblies.
- ▶ Attend Curriculum and Parents' evening in Autumn term
- ▶ Opportunities to join class WhatsApp groups via class representatives
- ▶ Opportunities to join the PTA (Parent Teacher Association)



The Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



All parents of children at the school are automatically members

Our aim is to support the school to help provide the very best education for all the children.

We do this by:

1. Fundraising for the school
2. Running fun, social events for the children (and sometimes for the grown-ups too!)

New parents are very welcome to get involved - either come to our first meeting in September or email watlingtonoxonpta@gmail.com to find out more!



We have
helped fund...

French
teaching

Beach
party

Ukulele
lessons

Outdoor
gym
equipment

Theatre
trips

Laptops

Picnic
benches

Breaducation

Night
explorers

Times tables
Rock stars

Library
reading
cloud

Zoolab
visit

Climbing
frame

School
trips



Recent fundraising events...

Christmas Disco

Summer fete

Santa's grotto

Halloween party

Movie nights

Bauble making

Horrible Histories trail

Easter trail

Wreath making

Reading cafes

Quiz night

WhatsApp groups

Each class has a WhatsApp group for the parents of that class

Really useful for any questions, communications from the PTA, inviting friends to parties/playdates etc.

The current Robins group, which will become Hedgehogs, is

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FwyNswyy4jD6eTQjiusew3>

Second Hand Uniform

We have monthly pre-loved uniform sales in the playground

We are holding a sale on the new Hedgehogs visit morning 10th July, outside the red gates 9.20 - 9.40am



Transition

All New Reception (Hedgehogs)

Wednesday 10th July morning only 9.30-11.30

Meet at **red gate**

All New Nursery (Robins)

Stay and Play 9-10am

Meet at **black gate**

Any questions:

Robins@watlington.oxon.sch.uk (a child / classroom based query)

Hedgehogs@watlington.oxon.sch.uk (a child / classroom based query)

admin.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk (any admin based queries)

Office telephone: 01491 612474

A copy of this presentation will be uploaded on our class pages.

In September - Hedgehogs and Robins!

Hedgehogs enter through red gate, Robins through black gate.

- ▶ Thursday 5th Sept Morning only (8.45am to 12pm)
- ▶ Friday 6th Sept Morning only (8.45am to 12pm)
- ▶ From Monday 9th Sept onwards - Normal weekly sessions as agreed
- ▶ Please note ALL children, new and current, to go home at 12 on first two days of term.