



Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure

Early Years at Bathampton Primary School

Reception Class

At Bathampton Primary School children are given the opportunity to learn through play-based activities, both indoors and outdoors.



We use the school grounds to support our learning throughout the year, so the children experience seasonal changes as they embark on their learning adventure.



We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and embed this into all learning opportunities. We encourage and support child initiated activities and develop adult directed activities from the children's own ideas and interests. We also carefully plan topics to develop key skills for the class. We teach a daily phonics session, which we use letters and sounds and learn to read and write.

Areas of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships
	Self-confidence and self-awareness
	Managing feelings and behaviour
Physical Development	Moving and handling
	Health and self-Care
Communication and Language	Listening and attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
Specific Areas	
Literacy	Reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Numbers
	Shape, space and measure
Understanding the World	People and communities
	The world
	Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials
	Being imaginative

When planning we also take into account children's learning styles and preference. We encourage children to be adventurous and challenge themselves.

Characteristics of effective learning	
Playing and exploring - engaging	Finding out and exploring
	Playing with what they know
	Being willing to 'have a go'
Active learning - motivation	Being involved and concentrating
	Keep trying
	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
Creating and thinking critically - thinking	Having their own ideas
	Making links
	Choosing ways to do things

Related Links:

[Development Matters](#)

[EYFS Framework](#)

[EYFS assessment](#)

Each term we choose a general theme to ensure we are providing a broad and balanced curriculum. The themes/topics can change and do change depending on the class and children's interests.

Overview of Reception Class 2014-15

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Marvellous Me! Settling into school	Down in The Woods Gruffalo, Stickman leading to Christmas	Under the Sea Celebrations Chinese New Year	People Who Help Us Keeping Safe	Out of This World PlayWood (Forest schools)	Bugs, Slugs and Minibeasts Habitats

We make full use of our wonderful learning environment. We regularly adapt the classroom to enable to meet the needs of the class and encourage independence. We value our outdoor classroom as much as our indoor space.



Throughout the year, we develop a learning journal for each child where we record observations, photos and next steps. We encourage parents to provide WOW moments so we can celebrate achievements each child makes, whether it is in reading, sharing, or riding a bike.