



Welcome to Eppleton Academy Primary School

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...a community of learners



Our vision for our school is:

At Eppleton Academy Primary School, we believe that everyone should be valued, respected, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil their potential within a supportive, caring, inclusive environment.

Therefore, we will:

provide a safe environment where pupils enjoy learning;
create a learning community that enables creativity, good practice, success and risk-taking;
embrace the wider community.

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Meet the staff



Mrs Bushby
Headteacher



Mrs Jackson
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Wilson
EYFS Leader
Reception Class Teacher

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Meet the staff



Miss Imrie
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Allen
Teaching Assistant



Ms England
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant



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Mrs Bainbridge
Business Manager



Mrs Lawrance
Office Administrator

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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from the age of three to the end of the Reception year.

The EYFS curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**. As well as direct teaching, teaching also happens as the result of **child initiated play** with staff using children's play to **provide and extend leaning opportunities**.

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When children have time to play, their play grows in complexity and becomes more cognitively and socially demanding. Through free play children:

- **explore** materials and **discover** their properties
- **use their knowledge** of materials to play imaginatively
- **express** their emotions
- **maintain emotional balance, physical and mental health, and well-being**
- **develop a sense of who they are**, their value and that of others
- **learn social skills** of sharing, turn-taking and negotiation
- deal with conflict and learn to **negotiate** and **solve problems**, moving from support to **independence**
- develop **communication and language skills**
- **repeat** patterns that reflect their prevailing interests and concerns

Children need to work with skilled practitioners who understand child development and have the skills to move learning forward.

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Child Initiated Learning



Exploring - what happens if I push this down the tube? Can I make it go faster / further?



Social communication - taking turns, negotiating, speaking and listening to others

How can we work out which car went the furthest?
Measuring



Why does the car keep going off the paper?
Problem solving



Making links and sharing ideas - building a racing track for the cars



Making links and sharing ideas - join racing track to the tube

Having your own ideas - let's build a garage on top of the track ... and a carpark





EYFS Curriculum

Communication and Language Development Personal, Social and Emotional Development



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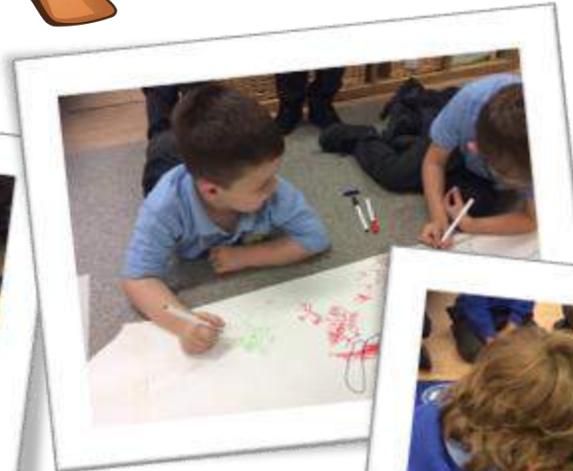
Physical Development



Moving & handling



Health & self care



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Literacy – Reading & Writing



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Mathematical Development

Numbers & Shape, Space and Measure



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Understanding the World

People & communities

Technology

The world



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Expressive Art and Design



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Indoor and outdoor learning

An appropriate physical environment is one in which children feel safe, happy, cared for and relaxed. It offers children access to indoor and outdoor spaces in which they can explore, create, think, learn and develop.



Children will have continuous access to outdoor provision in all types of weather. **Please ensure they are appropriately dressed for the weather** and be prepared for your children to come home dirty. We do have a limited amount of waterproof clothing but we would be grateful if you could send in a **pair of wellies** to keep at school.

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Working together with families



We recognise that children learn and develop well when there is a strong relationship between school and parents. You will be kept up to date with your child's development through their online learning journal, to which we encourage you to contribute, and Class Dojo rewards system as well as regular meetings for parents. However our door is always open if you would like to speak to us. We also hold events in school for you to participate in as well as a weekly reading for fun club.



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Wrap around care



Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club in school from 7.30am with qualified staff. The children can choose from a range of cereal, toast, crumpets and fruit. The cost of these sessions are £4.00 per day from 7.30am or £3.00 per day from 8.00am. This must be booked and paid for in advance

Kids Fun Club (KFC)

We offer after school childcare from 3.15pm until 5.30pm with qualified staff. The children are given the choice of a hot or cold snack, such as pizza, beans on toast and fish fingers. They can then access a range of fun activities. The cost of these sessions are £3.50 per day until 4.15pm, £6.00 per day until 5.00pm and £7.00 per day until 5.30pm. This must be booked and paid for in advance.

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Eppleton Academy School Uniform:

It is expected that all children come to school each day dressed in the following clothing:

- Pale blue polo shirt (Reception)
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers / skirt
- Black / white socks or grey tights
- Plain black shoes with no additional colours
- Smart grey shorts / blue & white checked dresses may be worn in summer
- Fleece lined waterproof jackets are also available for the winter months.

PE Kit (Reception – after October half term):

- Plain black shorts
- Blue t-shirt
- Black plimsols or trainers.

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can be ordered from Tots to Teams.

Your child will also need to bring a water bottle each day – **no juice allowed.**

They will also need to bring a spare set of clothes to leave in school in a draw string or plastic bag – no rucksacks please as there is not enough room in your child's box.

Your child will also need to bring a book bag to school each day.

All children are entitled to a school lunch but you can bring a packed lunch if you wish (see packed lunch policy)

All of your child's belongings must be labelled with their name, including coats and shoes.



How to prepare your child for school



- We expect all children to be fully toilet trained when they start school.
- Teach your child how to put on their own coat and shoes
- Allow your child to be responsible for their own belongings
- Help your child to recognise their own name
- Encourage your child to tidy away after themselves

You can make it easier for your child if you:

- Label all of their personal belongings
- Provide them with shoes that are easy for children to fasten themselves
- Send in a spare set of clothes to stay in school in case of accidents (labelled)

QUOTE

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

**We look forward to welcoming you and
your child to Eppleton Academy
Primary School.**



Any questions don't hesitate to get in touch:

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