

Welcome to Earth Class

Early Years Foundation Stage



Ridgewell
C of E Primary School

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The teacher of Earth Class is Miss Moss and our classroom assistant is; Miss Gipson. Occasionally our classroom assistants have other roles and responsibilities to fulfil throughout the school day and so they support Earth class at varying times during the week.

We hope you will find this booklet useful in helping to answer some of the questions you may have. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any further questions. We value a school-home partnership to help us best support your child.

Routines in Earth Class

Earth Class will continue to have an Open-Door policy in the mornings. Your child may enter the classroom from 08:40 - 08:50 where they will be encouraged to independently organise their belongings and access activities. The school day will start at 08:50 when the children will be invited to sit down for the register.

Trips

As part of our school's aim to make learning interesting and enjoyable, we aim to book one trip or visitor per term to enhance the topics we are covering. A letter will be sent to inform you of any school trips nearer the time.

Values

Our whole school centres on teaching children about different Christian Values. These values form the focus of our collective worship and classroom discussions.

Throughout the year we will be inviting you into the class to join us in activities and workshops. After finalising the dates we will send them in a newsletter as soon as possible.

If, at any time throughout the year, you have any concerns or any questions please do not hesitate to pop into the classroom before or after school, or to arrange a time to see me and discuss things.

I look forward to working with you and your child.

Miss Moss

Learning in the Foundation Stage

The Early Years framework is recognised as a separate stage of learning that sets the foundations for children before more formal learning. There is an emphasis on learning through play, where the children are encouraged to build on their individual needs and interests.

The 7 areas the Early Years learning concentrates on are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Many of the activities available to the children will be based on our class topic to help the children make connections in their learning.

Our Autumn term topics this year will be: All About Me and People Who Help Us.

Absence

If your child is not going to be in school because of an illness or an appointment then please contact the school office as early as possible.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled including coats and P.E. kits. Children should be able to get changed independently for activities such as P.E, therefore please make sure uniform is suitable for your children. Please also make sure your child has a book-bag and separate P.E bag, which can be left in school each day of the school term. P.E kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Contacts

Please make sure we have up-to-date contacts in the school office; including addresses and emergency phone numbers. Please ensure that you have completed and sent back the admission booklet, handed out at the end of last term.

Helping in class

If you have time to spare and would like to help in class please mention it to us. We always appreciate your help.

Reading

When we feel your child is ready, we will be sending home a reading book and reading diary. Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading diary with them in school every day. Your child will read individually with a member of staff at least once a week.

Word Workshop

In addition to a reading book each child will be given a Word Workshop card. This needs to come into school each day. Inside the card are the letter sounds and/or words your child is currently practising. Please do not mark the inside of the card as this is for the adults in school to use to monitor your child's progress. However, please feel free to use the back of the card or record any notes in their reading diaries.

It is extremely important that children practice their reading and Word Workshop every day at home. This does not always have to be their school reading book. Please make sure you sign the reading record every time you hear your child read and practice Word Workshop.

Sport

P.E. is on Thursday afternoons.

Please ensure all earrings are removed, hair tied up and your child has their P.E. kits in school for that day, should it have been taken home.

The School P.E kit is as follows:

- School P.E t-shirt
- Black shorts and tracksuit bottoms
- Black plimsolls or trainers

Outdoor Learning

As part of the Early Years curriculum, the children have the opportunity to free flow between the indoor and outdoor environment throughout the school year. We will be going outside whatever the weather! Please ensure your children are suitably equipped with named coats and wellies (which may be left in school) so that they can keep warm and dry. You may also wish to send in a named set of waterproofs which may be left in school.

It is also advisable to send your children in with a spare pair of clothes in their book bag. Although the children are encouraged to wear appropriate clothes outside to prevent mess, occasionally they can still get very dirty and may require something to change into.