



Welcome to Honeybees Class!

We are all really looking forward to getting to know your children this year and helping them with their learning, whilst having an awful lot of fun along the way!

Our Team:

My name is Mrs Pursglove and I will be teaching Honeybees every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this year. Miss Rowley (Our EYFS lead) will be with the Honeybees on a Thursday each week and Mrs Pett (Our school SENCO) will teach the class each Friday. Mrs Pett is also our Forest School lead and will soon start taking the children for Forest School sessions during her time in Honeybees on a Friday. More information on this will follow nearer the time.

Honeybees will be supported each day by Mrs Fisher, our class Teaching Assistant and Miss Leo, who has joined us here at Linton this year as a 1:1 support assistant.

A typical day in Honeybees will include:

Self registration and meet and greet upon arrival. Children will then be free to access indoor provision.

A maths input takes place every morning for both Nursery and Reception. During these sessions we will focus on a range of topics relating to shapes and measures, as well as developing our understanding of the composition of numbers and working on our maths fluency skills.

Reception children will take part in a daily Sounds Write phonics session where they will begin to develop the skills needed to become confident readers and writers.

If you would like to learn more about Sounds Write, a free online course aimed at helping parents to support their children can be found here: <https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

Nursery children will participate in some speaking and listening activities each day, helping them to 'tune into sounds' and best prepare them for their future Sounds Write lessons.

Storytime occurs daily in class. During this time we will learn to act out and retell main events, use story language and use and explore new vocabulary.

Snack time is completed as a class. This is a lovely part of the day where children are encouraged to relax and refuel, further develop our social and communication skills and share our achievements with our friends.

Plenty of time is allocated each day to children accessing both indoor and outdoor provision freely. During these times of the day, adults are on hand to model, enhance and move children on with their learning, following the interests of the child. The children will also take part in weekly focus task activities which are carefully planned to meet the needs of each individual.

Homework

Homework is given to all children on a Friday. For Nursery this will begin to consist of some pencil control and name recognition practise. Later in the year, Reception children will also start to receive some optional phonics and maths homework. More details about this will follow. Please make sure your child has a bag to bring their homework home in and return when complete.

Reading

Reading is the single most important homework that you can do with your child, so please continue to do this regularly at home. Children in Reception will be allocated specific reading books linked to their Sounds Write sessions. These will be changed in school regularly. Please aim to share these with your child most nights and let us know how they are getting on. For more information on sharing books with your children and supporting with reading at home please see the additional attachment listed on our class page.

Suitable Clothing

We go outside whatever the weather, so please ensure your child has a named coat, wellington boots and waterproofs in school every day, as well as hat and gloves for when the weather is cold. A sunhat and sun cream are essential when the weather is warmer. Please send a change of clothes to be kept in school.

Please name everything!

And finally...

We are all very happy to help with any queries or worries that you may have about your children, so please let us know if ever there is anything you would like to speak to us about.

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