

Welcome to Butterflies.

We are an Early Years class so you may see this abbreviation: EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage).



I am the class teacher Miss Rowley (EYFS and KS1 lead, Phonics and Early Reading Lead) - CRowley@linton.derbyshire.sch.uk I love animals and have a tri-red border collie, 3 pet sheep and a cat. I hoping to get some hens again in the spring. I love to dance and often go to ceroc freestyles and yoga.

We have the class higher level teaching assistant, EYPS and Wonder Woman, Mrs Green - SGreen@linton.derbyshire.sch.uk Mrs Green has 4 boys, 2 of whom are married and a gorgeous little dog. She loves to run and has completed many long runs including marathons, half marathons and recently did the Great North Run. She is also our Neurodiversity Advocate.

Mrs Nee is working as a 1:1 support assistant. - KNee@linton.derbyshire.sch.uk Mrs Nee also loves to dance and has 2 children, one of whom is at Linton.

Miss Fearn will support Mrs Green when she is covering Miss Rowley. Miss Fearn has 3 children, one of whom is at Linton. She is a massive Elvis fan and is an awesome singer.

I teach in Butterflies on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On a Tuesday I have my non-contact and management time - I am usually around all day and often pop into class. On a Thursday I have the pleasure of teaching Honeybees. Mrs Green teaches Butterflies on a Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs Nee and Miss Fearn she is in the class daily. 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. Please do email if you would like a meeting or private chat with us.

We do forest schools on a Friday, with Mrs Pett, SENDCo and Forest School lead, as the weather worsens old clothes, wellies, waterproof trousers and coats will be needed.

The first few weeks of being in school will be a period of baselining the children to see where their next steps will be on their journey in reception.

Please leave toys at home, children become very upset if they get lost and broken.

A typical Day

When children arrive in class, they will put their things away and order their dinner on the interactive board. They get 3 options each day and have buttons which inform them of each option. During the day they will do phonics, daily maths, reading, story time and 2 subject specific inputs. In the week they will do 3 writing sessions and 2 maths sessions as well as the other subjects in the EYFS curriculum. Each term I will write an overview to see what the children are learning about each week.

They will have an hour for lunch 11.30 to 12.30.

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.

At home time the adults will say your child's name so they can come to you, knowing we have sent the right child to the right person.

Snack

The children will have a snack time each morning, we will provide the snack and milk for them, please do not bring any into school. The snack will include fruit and vegetables and we often have a choice.

Phonics

For phonics we are using the Sounds-Write scheme. If you want to learn more about Sounds Write, you can do a free online course, aimed at parents. This is particularly aimed at parents of children who are reading at Reception level and it has a video showing the pure sounds that we use and is well worth doing. There are 2 courses and each lasts about 20 mins. Go to <https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write>

Homework

Reading is the most important homework you can do with your child. We will give out books after mid-way through the Autumn 1 term, and change them when they have been read, we may ask you to read the same book more than once, this is to help their learning. Please write in your child's reading record when they have read, there may be certificates. We are also sending flash cards home, please practice

them using the pure sound, when your child is confident with the sounds then have a go at reading the words. We say the phrase 'say the sounds and read the word'.

We will send name homework out for the children to complete, each week, please return this when it's been done.

As the year progresses, I will also send phonics and maths homework, this is optional for you to do but it will help deepen your child's understanding.

Bags

As we have limited storage in school, please only bring a book bag, each day to school. They will need this for reading books, homework and any notes to go home. Children do not need to bring backpacks in except for school trips or if you have an event straight after school. Spare clothes will be kept at school, sent home when used. You will not need PE kits until the Summer term.

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.

We often get lost cardigans, jumpers and coats, please ensure these are labelled clearly as the children are responsible for their own clothing and we are not with them during breakfast club, lunchtime or after school club to see where they have deposited them. We do try our best to keep them together.

Please name everything!

Butterfly Class Information

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