



George Eliot
Primary School

Curriculum News

Autumn 1 - EYFS

Code of Conduct

We are so pleased to welcome all of the children starting Nursery and Reception.

The children are busy settling in and becoming familiar with the school routines. To help us stay happy and safe at school we will spend lots of time learning about our Code of Conduct.

Phonics

Children in the **Nursery** will be learning Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds.

Phase 1:

- Showing an awareness of rhyme and alliteration.
- Distinguishing between sounds in the environment and phonemes.
- Discriminating speech sounds in words

Children in **Reception** will begin learning letter sounds in accordance with Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds.

Phase 2:

- Teaches at least 19 letters and their sounds e.g. "a" for apple
- Begin reading simple captions and learning 'Tricky Words'.

This website is a great to find out more about Phonics:
<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>



Code of Conduct

- Keep yourself and others safe
- Be kind and gentle
- Talk to an adult if you feel angry, hurt or frightened
- Always tell the truth
- Respect yourself and others

Parental Involvement

An essential part of the EYFS is learning about what your children do at home. Please take the time to complete a page for your child's Learning Journey. You that include photos, drawings or writing about: trips, hobbies, interests or special events. Talk to your child's class teacher if you need



any help or guidance. All Learning Journey contributions are very useful in building up a picture of your child.

It is very important that you read at home with your child. Your child will be able to pick a book from our book corner every Tuesday and Friday in Reception. In Nursery children and parents/carers can select a book together to take home from our entrance area. For your child's development they must have opportunities to listen to stories and talk about what is happening in a story.

Diary Dates

EYFS Parent Workshop

Thursday 5th October—9.00am

This will be an opportunity for all new Nursery and Reception parents and carers to find out about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) at George Eliot and how you can support your child at home.

Things to remember...

- Independence is a key part of learning in the EYFS. Encouraging your child to get dressed by themselves will help them with this. Shoes that they can self manage, such as velcro ones, also enable independence.
- All children should have a PE kit in school at all times. This should consist of soft clothes and appropriate shoes for outdoor exercise.
- Your child should bring their book bag and a water bottle to school **everyday**.
- As the weather gets colder we will continue to use the outside space for learning so please make sure your child has a warm coat and suitable shoes.
- If you are not collecting your child, please inform the office and let your class teacher know who will be picking your child up.