

# Starting at East Sheen Primary School



# Welcome



Starting school is a very exciting time but it can feel a bit scary. Try not to worry as there are some lovely grown-ups that will do their very best to help you get used to school.

Have a look at them and see if you can learn their names.





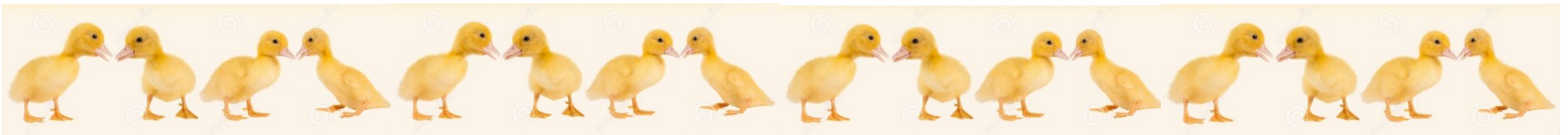
# Ducklings Class



Each class in the school has got a name. They are all named after birds. There are three classes  
**Ducklings; Owlets and Cygnets.**



If you are in Ducklings Class you will be known as '**The Ducklings**'.





# Inside Ducklings Class



The book bags go in different coloured boxes. We will tell you which colour box to put yours in.



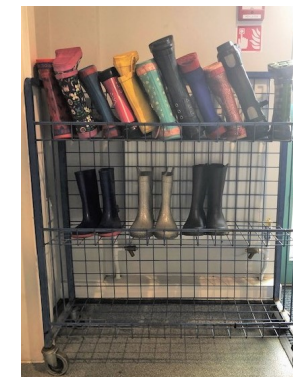
During Carpet Time we will sit on the carpet. Everyone has a shape to sit on. This is called your carpet space.



You will have your own tray to keep things in. It will have your name on it.



You will have your own peg. You can hang your coat and PE bag on yours.



We keep wellington boots here in case there are lots of puddles.





# Owlets Class



If you are in Owlets Class you will be known as '**The Owlets**.'



# Inside Owlets Class



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# Cygnets Class



If you are in Cygnets Class you will be known as '**The Cygnets**.'



# Inside Cygnets Class



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# Learning and Playing



In school you will learn lots of new things in a similar way as you might have done at home or at nursery. You will learn from carpet time activities, working with grown ups and by playing with your friends.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This means you will learn to work well with others by following the rules of school, playing nicely, asking for help when you need it as well as being able to get to the toilet at the right times.



## Physical Development

In school you will practise controlling your body so that you can move around safely and also use tools like scissors and pencils. We have 2 lessons of PE as well as our own outdoor area to play lots of games.



## Communication

One of the most important things you will learn will be to listen, speak and understand the language being used in school. So you will get lots of chances to practise this in your playing.



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## Mathematics

This means you will learn the importance of numbers and the kind of activities you might do look like this.



## Literacy

You will learn to read and write by learning to recognise the sounds in words.



## Understanding the World.

In exploring the learning area, you will use your senses to discover the world. You will begin to think about how things work and learn about the people in our lives.



## Expressive Arts and Design

You will listen to music and learn to create and perform your own music. You will also learn to sing some of our school's favourite songs. We give you lots of chances to make your own pictures and models.



# Home Visit



We like to come to visit you at your home so we can meet you together with your family, pets and special teddies. We can find out about what you really like to play with. You can also ask us about any thing you would like to know.

# Clothes



We like the children in our school to feel like they belong to a big school family and so we wear special clothes to school called a uniform. You might like to practise putting some of these things on by yourself.



# Arriving to School



Our school gates open at 8.40am. From then, you can come into school and line up in one of the cones with your friends from your class.



At 8.50am, your teacher will come outside to take you to your classroom. You can wave goodbye to your parents or carers so you can start your exciting and fun day!

# School Day–Morning



**We have little pictures on the board to help you know what is happening during the day. This is how a normal day looks in the first half-term, although it sometimes changes.**



We start the day by saying hello to each other.



Then we have a short learning time on the carpet.



Next you can choose something to play with indoors or outdoors.



After that we come back together and do some more learning together. Then we will have a piece of fruit and some water or some milk.



Now you can choose something to play with again.



Then it will be tidy up time.



Next it will time to wash our hands and eat some lunch. After lunch you'll have a play time.



# School Day-Afternoon



**In the afternoon you might feel a bit tired until you get used to school so the afternoon is not as busy.**



After lunch we'll say good afternoon to each other.



In the afternoon we might do yoga or other fine motor activities.



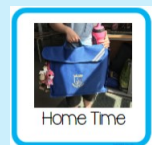
Then you will choose again for a little while.



After, it will be tidy up time.



Next it will be story time.



Finally, it will be time to get your things and go home.

# Snack Time



At snack time we give you a piece of fruit. You can have a drink of water at any time but at snack time we all have a drink of water or milk.



# Lunch Time



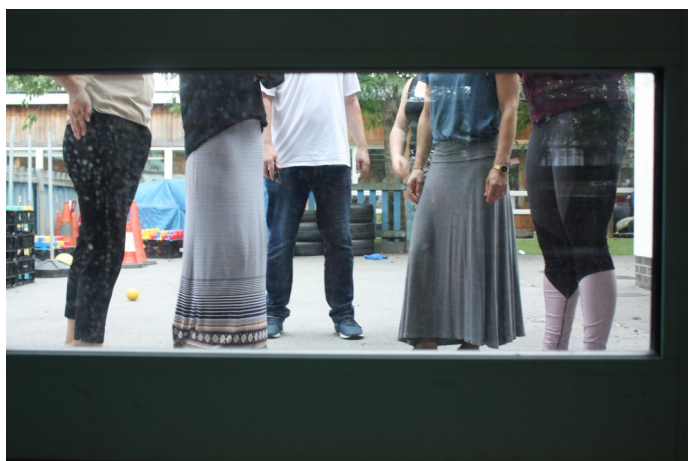
At lunch time we wash our hands. Your teacher will tell you what is for lunch and take you to the dining room. They will stay with you to make sure there is something you like. There are usually 3 choices of warm food and lots of delicious salads to choose from the salad bar.



# Home Time



At the end of the day you will get ready to go home by gathering your things together. We use these pictures to help you remember what you need to take home.



Your parents or carers will come to collect you at 3.20pm. They will wait by your classroom door and your teacher call your name when they spot your grown-up. It is very important that you wait for them to call you because it helps them to keep you safe.