

Starting at East Sheen Primary



Welcome



Starting school is a really exciting adventure, but it's also natural to feel a little nervous. Try not to worry, there are lots of kind and caring grown-ups who will be there to help you, make you feel safe, and support you as you get used to your new school.

Inside your classroom



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

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



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



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



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



Learning through play



At school, you'll learn lots of new and exciting things, just like you may have done at home or at nursery. You'll learn through carpet time activities, by working with grown-ups, and by playing and learning alongside your friends.

Mathematics

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



Literacy

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

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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.



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.

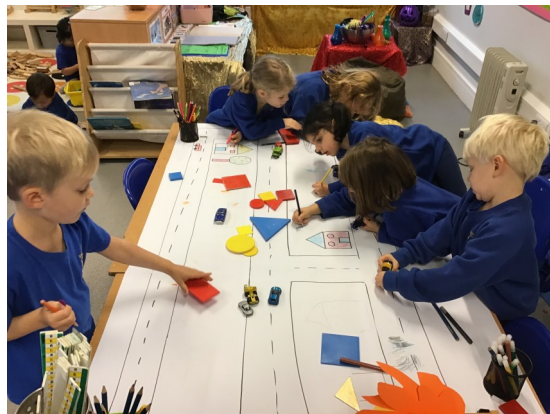


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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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.

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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.



Home Visit



We love coming to visit you at home so we can get to know you in a place where you feel happy and comfortable, along with your family, pets, and favourite toys. It's a lovely chance for us to learn about the things you enjoy most and how you like to play. You can also ask us any questions you might have, we're here to help.

We can't wait to meet you!

Clothes



At our school, we like children to feel they are part of one big family. That's why we wear special clothes called a school uniform. You might enjoy practising putting some of these items on by yourself, helping you feel even more confident and ready for school.

Arriving to School



Our school gates open at 8.40am. From then, you can come into school and line up outside your classroom door in a nice straight line with your friends from your class.



Duckling Class



Owlet Class



Cygnet Class

At 8:50am, your teacher and teaching assistant will be there to greet you at the door. You can give your grown-ups a cheerful wave goodbye and get ready to start your exciting and fun day!

School Day – Morning



We use picture cards on the board to help you know what we are doing in the day. This helps you understand what comes next. This is what a normal day looks like in the first half-term, but sometimes it might



We start our day by saying hello to our friends.



Then we sit together on the carpet for a short learning time.



After that, you can choose something fun to play with inside or outside.



Next, we have fruit and a drink, then enjoy a story together. We come back and do a little more learning.



Then you can choose to play again.



After that, it's tidy up time.



Finally, we wash our hands, have lunch, and then enjoy some playtime.

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 will say "good afternoon" to each other.

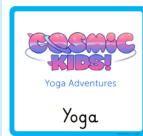
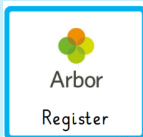
In the afternoon, we might do yoga, play with dough, or have fun squiggle time.

Then you can choose what you would like to play again for a little while.

After that, it will be tidy-up time.

Next, we will have story time.

Finally, we will sing our goodbye song and go home.



Snack Time



At snack time, we will give you a piece of fruit. You can have a drink of water whenever you like, and at snack time we all enjoy a drink together, either water or milk.

Lunch Time



At lunchtime, we wash our hands before we eat. Your teacher will let you know what's on the menu and walk with you to the dining room. They will stay with you to help you choose something you like. There are usually three hot meal options, as well as a variety of tasty salads from the salad bar and a delicious dessert to enjoy.



Home Time



At the end of the day, you will get ready to go home by collecting all your belongings. We use special pictures to help you remember everything you need to take home with you.



Your parents or carers will come to collect you at 3:20pm. They will wait by your classroom door, and your teacher will call your name when they see your grown-up. It's important to wait until your name is called, as this helps us make sure everyone stays safe.