



## Reception Intake 2021



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## Welcome

In normal circumstances, we would welcome you into our school so that you and your family could take a look around and get to know us. Unfortunately, we are unable to do that this year. We hope that the information provided in this booklet will answer any question you have, along with our virtual tour on the school website. If you would like to know more information on the reception 2021 intake, please contact the school using the details provided at the end of the booklet.

## Leadership Team



Mrs Long  
Head Teacher



Mr Copland  
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Barker  
Deputy Head Teacher  
SENCO



Mrs Faulkner  
Assistant Head  
Teacher  
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Stringer  
Pastoral and Parent  
Support

## Reception Teaching Team



Mrs Wisken  
Teacher of Dragonfly  
Class

I am the class teacher for Dragonfly class and early years phase leader. My main aim is for children across the phase to be happy in school and enjoy coming in to school every day. Lessons are fun for all children by planning around their individual interests. We have PE once a week and every Wednesday we visit the onsite forest school – which always proves to be very popular!



Miss Skinner  
Teacher of  
Caterpillar Class

My name is Miss Skinner and I look forward to welcoming you to our school. We aspire to create a 'love of learning' from the moment the children start school in reception. It is always such a pleasure helping them to make new friends, go on exciting adventures and make new discoveries. We are very lucky to have such lovely, spacious, colourful classrooms that are full of fantastic resources to help your child to learn and explore. We also have a marvellous outdoor area full of exciting opportunities!

## EYFS Curriculum

The curriculum in EYFS has a variety of content which is based on the children's needs and interests. Core lessons are discreetly planned and children learn new maths and literacy skills-- on a daily basis. Children develop a love of learning as lessons are guided by the children's own interests through 'in the moment planning'. One day we could be making milkshakes and the next we're building a farm!



## The Learning Environment



Each classroom is made up of several different learning areas including;

- Role play area
- Maths area
- Art and design area
- Writing table
- Small world area
- Disco dough station
- ICT corner
- Reading corner

The two reception classrooms share two very spacious extended learning spaces; one inside the classroom corridor and the other outside in our newly developed outdoor provision. These spaces allow children to develop skills that are unable to be practised in the classroom.



The outside learning space is being professionally landscaped and was completed in November 2020. The learning space encourages independence and exploration as well as

offering a variety of learning opportunities. The space includes a mud kitchen, natural climbing area, sand pit and a meandering water path, amongst other things. Children are encouraged to bring water proof clothing and footwear to school so this area can be used all year around



## Tapestry Online Learning Journal

At Attleborough Primary school, children's learning and development is shared with parents on the Tapestry Learning Journal. Teachers use the Tapestry journal to observe and assess children on a daily basis. Children's learning and work is documented and shared online for parents to see. This gives you, as a parent, the opportunity to see what your child has been up to during their busy day at school. It also allows parents to share children's home learning with class teachers – something that we value and love to see!



Notes

"Let's see how you put the dinosaurs into the cassats." The girls had organized the dinosaurs by colour. They had all the red dinosaurs on the left, all the blue dinosaurs on the right and the yellow dinosaurs in the middle. "Where does the dinosaur go?" "It said this is the teacher, so it goes in all the cassats."

Early Years Foundation Stage

Communication and Language

Speaking

**1-5** **1-5** **1-5**

- Use language to express and describe ideas and experiences in play activities.
- Take statements and ideas to a next stage or level.

Mathematics

Shape, space and measure

**1-5** **1-5**

- Use familiar objects and common shapes to create and describe patterns and basic motifs.



At Attleborough Primary School, we teach phonics using the StoryTime Phonics scheme, in line with Letters and Sounds. It is based on a love of reading. Each phoneme that is learnt, is taught through the use of a story. Class activities are then set out for the children to enjoy which are linked to the daily sound that they are learning. The phonic fairy and her friend, the Tricky Troll, teach children the various sparkle marks used to write the different sounds and important spelling patterns which helps them to independently read and write full words and sentences.



## Talk for Writing

The whole school teaches literacy skills through a scheme called Talk for Writing. All children have the opportunity to learn hundreds of oral stories. Children learn the stories off by heart, using well illustrated story maps.

Once children are confident to retell the story, they are then confident enough to write their own, independent story. Talk for Writing gives children the story skills they need to write their own versions of well known and loved stories.



## Power of Reading

The school and the Early Years also teach skills through a scheme called 'The Power of Reading'. This scheme aims to close the Vocabulary Gap in the Early Years by reading quality children's books to the

children and teaching creative lessons linked to each story. This approach supports and develops a high quality literacy curriculum and a whole school love of reading and writing.

## Maths

Maths, at Attleborough Primary School follows the ActiveLearn scheme. Children are taught all aspects of number, shape, space and measure. In 2021, the government will be introducing new learning goals for reception aged children. Due to this change, from September 2021, children will be taught aspects of number and numerical properties.



In reception children have a daily maths lesson and mental maths lesson. Throughout school, children are taught maths through a fun and practical, hands on approach.



## Lunchtimes at Attleborough Primary School

All children who attend our school are entitled to a free school meal in Reception and years 1 and 2. An example of the menu can be found below. The menu consists of a varied and balanced diet. If your child has specific dietary needs, the school kitchen can adapt the menu to suit their needs. School meals can be ordered online at home by parents or in the morning, during registration, by the children. If you wish, children may also bring in a packed lunch from home.

All children in reception are also provided with a healthy snack every day and children up to the age of 5 are offered milk. This can encourage children to try new foods and broaden their diet.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	Oriental Beef Meatballs with Steamed Rice, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	(v) Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges & Rainbow salad	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, roast Potatoes, Carrots and Green Beans & gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Carbonara, Vegetable Medley	Breaded Fish Fingers, chips and Baked Beans
Vegetarian option	Italian Bean Bake	Vegetarian Bolognese with Pasta	Vegetarian Roast	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Baby New Potatoes	Vegetable Goujons
Jacket Potatoes	Beans and cheese	Beans and cheese	Beans and cheese	Beans and cheese	Beans and cheese
Packed Lunch	Choice of Ham, Tuna, Cheese or egg sandwich	Choice of Ham, Tuna, Cheese or egg wrap	Choice of Ham, Tuna, Cheese or egg Baguette	Choice of Ham, Tuna, Cheese or egg roll	Choice of Ham, Tuna, Cheese or egg wrap
Dessert	Apple crumble & Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Beetroot Brownie	Dinky Doughnuts	Shortbread & a Melon Wedge

At Attleborough Primary school we promote and encourage healthy eating. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day and this can be refilled if necessary.

## Open Door Policy

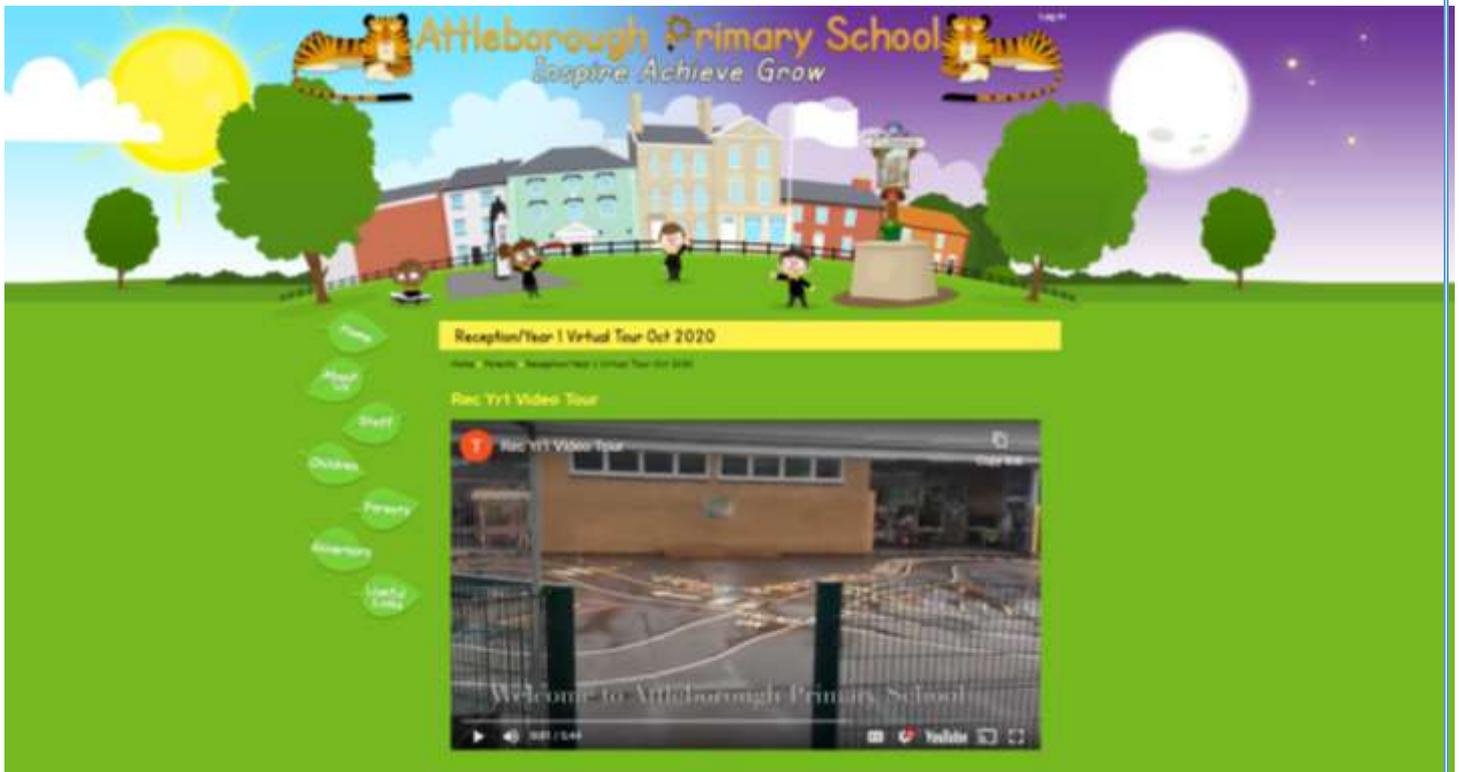
We are a very open school and offer parents the opportunities to come into school as much as we possibly can. Sadly, due to recent restrictions, we have had to stop all open days however we are hoping to start these once restrictions are lifted.

When permitted, parents will be invited in to school to work with their children on a fortnightly basis. This gives you the opportunity to see what your child is doing at school and to also have a catch up with your child's teacher should you wish to.



Please also take a look at a virtual tour of the school which is available on our website (<https://www.attleborough-pri.norfolk.sch.uk/receptionyear-1-virtual-tour-oct-2020/>).

On this tour, you can take a look inside both classrooms and the inside and outside learning environments.



We hope that you have found this information useful. If you have further questions or would like to speak to a member of the early years team, please contact the school using the details below and we will arrange a convenient time to give you a call.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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