

Things we would like your child to be able to do



- ◆ Go to the toilet alone and wash and dry their hands.
- ◆ Put on and fasten their own coat.
- ◆ Dress and undress e.g. into PE kit including putting on shoes
- ◆ Listen to and follow instructions
- ◆ Be able to take turns
- ◆ Tidy up and put things away.
- ◆ Use a knife and fork to eat.
- ◆ Hold a pencil comfortably to draw.



Other ways to help at home

Read together – share a range of books together – rhyme, story and information books.

Play imaginative games and pretend with them. Let them lead the play e.g. shops or making dens and magical lands.

Talk, talk, talk! Encourage your child's language skills. Ask them lots of questions and allow them to answer you and other people as fully as possible.

Let them choose and encourage independence e.g. choosing appropriate type of coat and shoes for the weather.



Listen for sounds at the start of words.

Sing songs and nursery rhymes.

Help them to write their name. Help them to write their name with a capital letter at the start and the rest in lower case.

Use numbers in counting games and context at home or out and about e.g. helping count plates to set the table or number of yogurts into the shopping basket.

Learn the names of shapes and colours. Look for them in the environment – house numbers, window shapes etc.



Swaffham Prior C E Primary School



Information about the Early Years Foundation Stage

Teaching Staff in Reception class

Miss Helen Cranness (Monday – Wednesday)

Mrs Laura Westwood (Wednesday – Friday)

There is always an additional member of support staff in class too.

'Keep Growing'

Times and Routines



- ◆ Doors open at 8.45am, register closes at 8.50am. Children will arrive in school on the main playground where they will line up with their class and teacher. You can access the main playground through the village hall gate.
- ◆ Lunch is at 12 noon
- ◆ School ends at 3.15pm – please collect children from the main playground.

What your child needs to bring to school



- ◆ Every child will have a peg to hang their belongings on.
- ◆ School book bag. We recommend you add a key ring or photograph to personalise them to help children recognise their own.
- ◆ Water bottle – clearly named or put a sticker on it or buy your own so that your child recognises it.
- ◆ Spare pants/socks and trousers/skirt
- ◆ A suitable coat for the weather.
- ◆ Wellie boots which can be left in school.

Please NAME EVERYTHING!

School Uniform



- ◆ **Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore**, red polo shirt, red sweat-shirt or cardigan, black school shoes. Don't buy lace up shoes unless your child can fasten themselves. Hair accessories in school colours.
- ◆ PE Kit – plimsolls, red round neck t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms or black leggings, black or red sweatshirt. Earrings must not be worn.
- ◆ School uniform can be purchased through mapac www.mapac.com

Free hot meals

- ◆ Universal free school meals for children in Early Years and years 1 and 2.
- ◆ If you are planning on providing your child with a packed lunch, could you please let a member of staff know.

Snack & Milk



- ◆ Children under the age of 5 are entitled to free milk.
- ◆ Snack will be provided each day, this is usually apples, pears, bananas or oranges.

Support to Help Children Settle In During the First Term

Information Session



- There will be a parents information session for you to attend prior to your child starting school with us.

Home Visits

- These are planned for the first few days in September. They provide us with the opportunity to see your child at home where they are most comfortable and settled and the chance to meet us again before they come into school.

The First Day

- When children arrive on their first day, please bring them to the main playground via the village hall gate.

During the first term

- ◆ To begin with we will spend time getting to know your child through observations of their play and small group work.

Buddies

- ◆ Each reception child will be carefully paired with one of our year 6 children who will become their buddy.
- ◆ The buddy will eat their lunch with them, help them at break and lunch