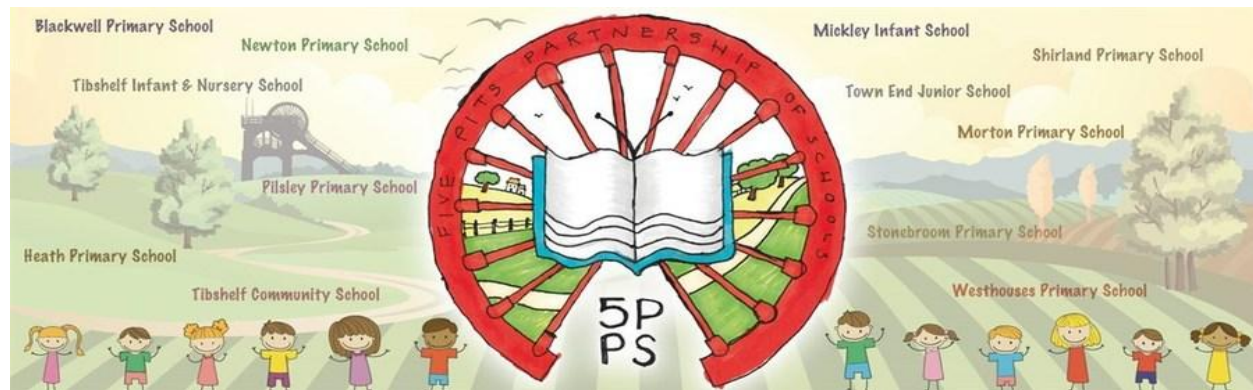


# Welcome to Reception!

## Shirland Primary School



We can't wait to meet you when you begin your new adventure at Shirland Primary School.

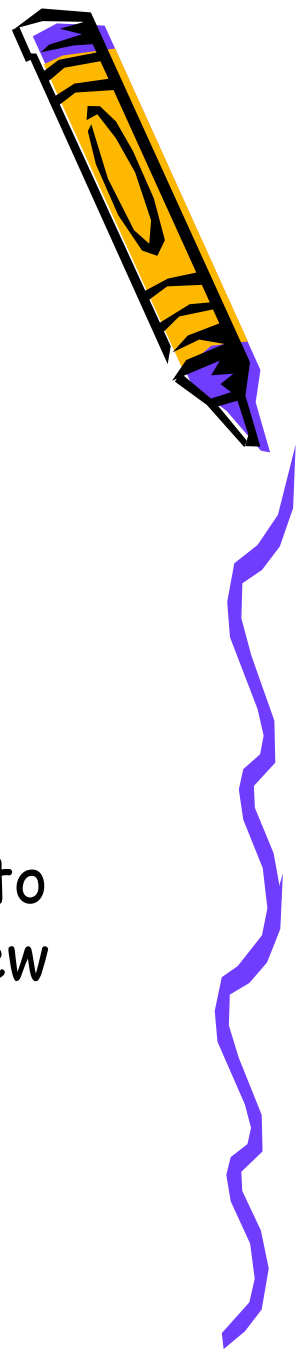


# Our Head Teacher

Miss Vessey



"Hello, I am Miss Vessey. I can't wait to meet you and see you exploring your new school."



# Reception Teachers

Mrs Kerry

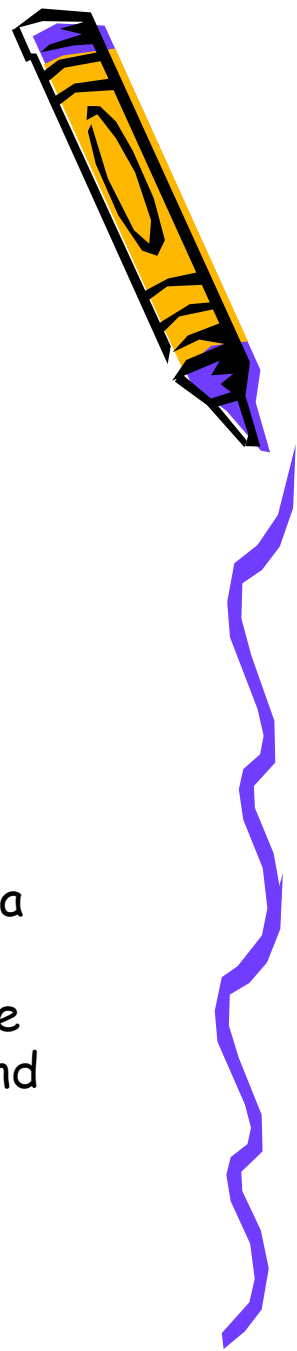


Mrs Kerry works on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She is the EYFS Lead as well as school's SEND Lead.

Mrs Dolman



Mrs Dolman teaches on a Monday and Tuesday in our class. She is also the Deputy Head teacher and the DSL.



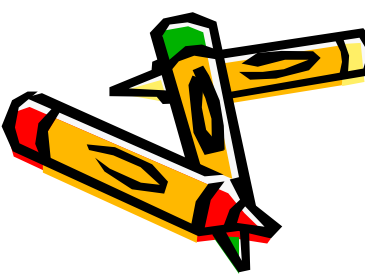
# Our Teaching Assistants

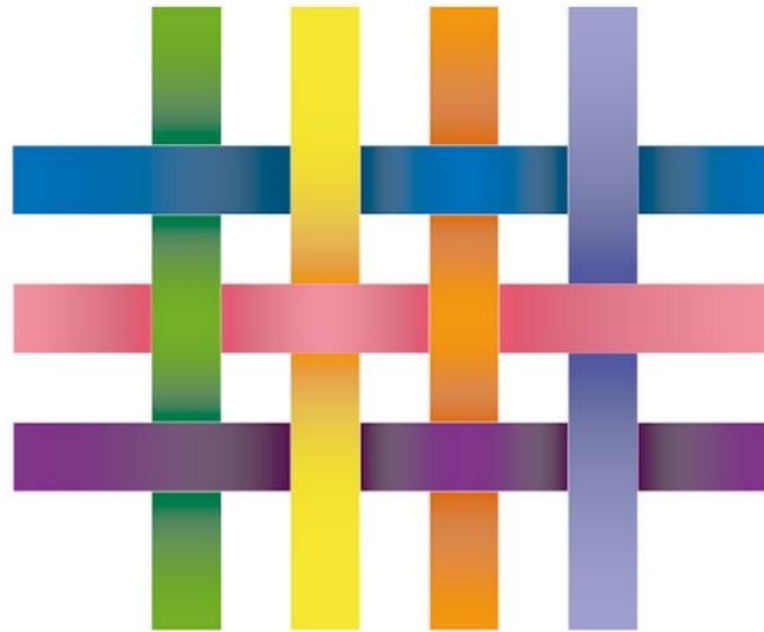


Mrs Cartledge is our Higher Level Teaching Assistant. She works every day in classroom.

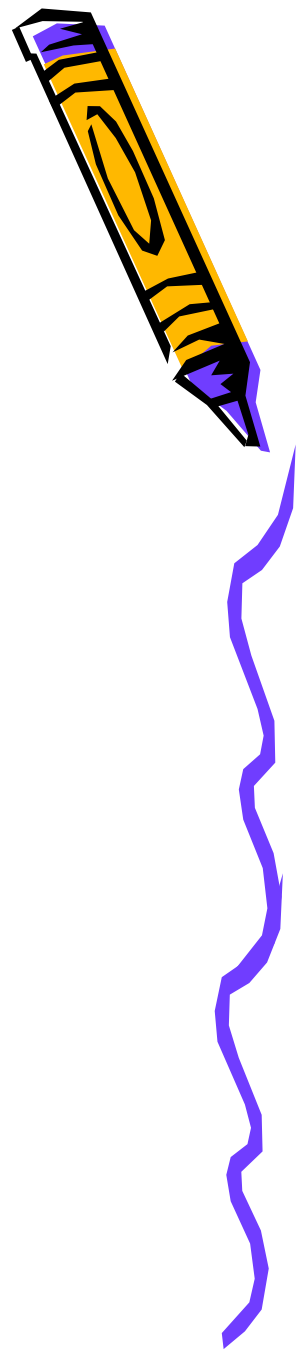


Mrs Harry is our school's learning mentor. She will be supporting our class in the first few weeks with transition. She also runs lots of exciting interventions like Nurture Group and Lego Therapy.





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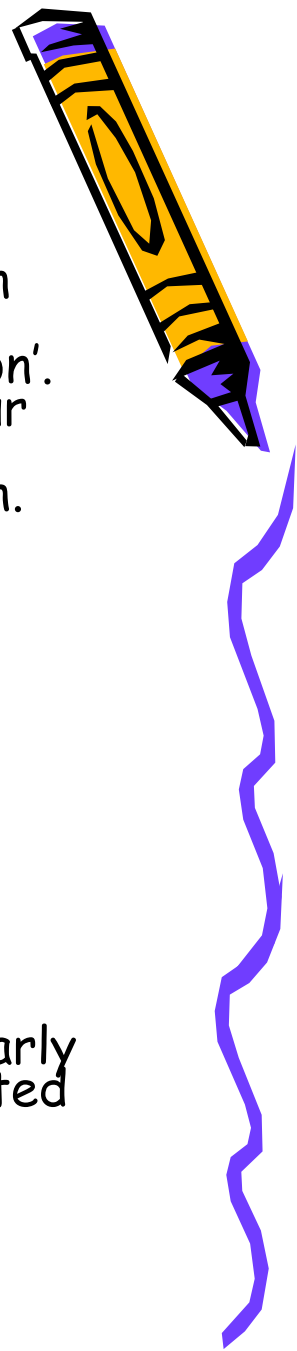




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# Early Years Curriculum



- Activities in Reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. The children learn through play and focused activities with the teacher.
- Play activities are planned and we call this 'Continuous Provision'. The children refer to this as 'COOL LEARNING' (Choosing Our Own Learning)
- Planning each term is carried out using a topic-based approach. Our first topic is called 'Who lives in Nursery Rhyme village?'
- There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These are as follows:
  - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
  - **Physical Development**
  - **Communication and Language**
  - **Literacy**
  - **Mathematics**
  - **Understanding the World**
  - **Expressive Arts and Design**
- Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

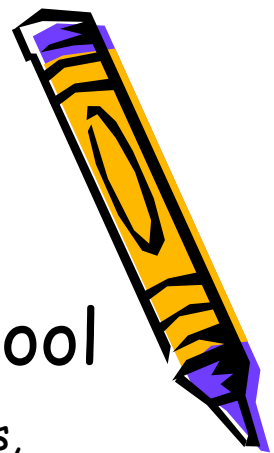




# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

## How you can help your child prepare for school

- ✚ Encourage your child to use the toilet independently, wash their hands, put on and fasten their coats.
- ✚ Play games which encourage sharing and turn taking will help your child to build their social skills.
- ✚ Encourage them to try new activities and keep trying when they may find things difficult.
- ✚ Become confident being away from Mummy, Daddy or main carer.





# Physical Development

How you can help your child prepare for school...

- ✚ Give children time to run, jump, climb and play outdoors
- ✚ Encourage children in activities such as building, drawing, threading beads, or filling and emptying containers in the water - all of which develop fine motor skills.



# Communication and Language

How you can help your child prepare for school ...



- # Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- # Take time to listen to them talking about things they've done and answering their questions.
- # Follow simple instructions.
- # Talk about themselves, their thoughts and feelings.
- # Enjoy sharing and listening to books.



# Literacy

How can you help your child prepare for school....

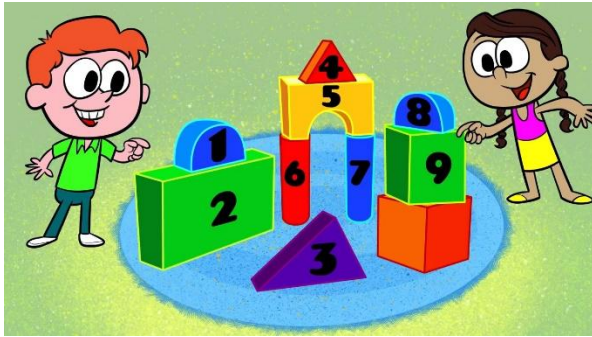


- ❖ Hear and identify sounds around them (environmental sounds)
- ❖ Hold writing tools to make marks or some letters
- ❖ Talk about favourite stories and rhymes



# Mathematics

How you can help prepare your child for school...



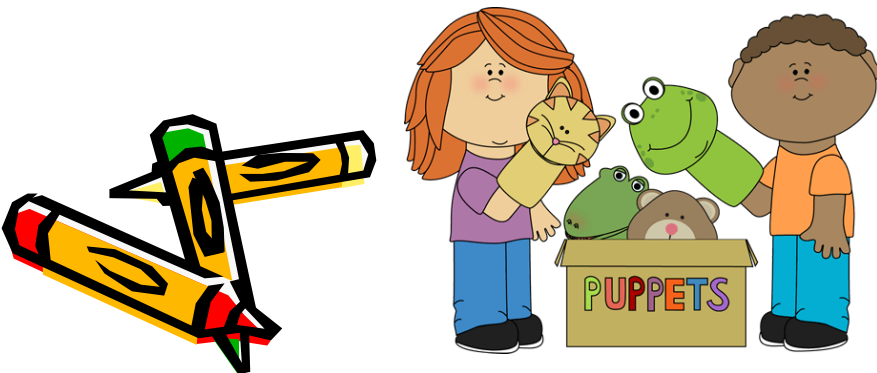
- # Singing counting songs and rhymes
- # Counting anything and everything - socks, cars, shopping, cutlery, fingers and toes!
- # Recite numbers up to 5
- # Pointing out numbers all around
- # Talk about the shapes you can see in the environment



# Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help your child for school...



- ✚ Talk with your child about their imaginative play and join in if possible!
- ✚ Draw and paint lots of different pictures.
- ✚ Recognise some colours, eg red, blue, green, yellow
- ✚ Enjoy singing songs from memory



# Understanding the World -

How you can help prepare  
your child for school ...



- ✚ Talk with your child about the places they go and things they see in the world around them
- ✚ Answering and asking questions - what if...? Why do you think...? How did you...?
- ✚ Letting children join in with everyday activities - washing up, cooking, shopping, helping in the garden...

# General Information

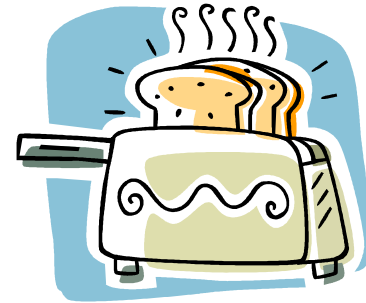
- # School day 8:50am -3:15pm
- # Breakfast club 8:00am-8.55am

We ask you to book in advance.

\*Please ask for a flyer if you are interested.\*

- # You can have a hot school meal or bring your own packed lunch clearly labelled in a lunch bag with your child's name. (Universal Infant Free school meals)

- # Eligibility for free school meals.





# Uniform Reminder

✚ Uniform and bags need to be clearly labeled with names please! 30 jumpers and 30 t-shirts all look the same when we are getting changed for PE and it is very difficult to return lost clothing that is not named!

- A school uniform is not compulsory but there is a recommended school dress as follows -

Grey Trousers or Skirt,  
Maroon Sweatshirt or Cardigan  
White Polo Shirt



- Please remove earrings on PE days. These will be confirmed at a later date.
- PTFA will provide a water bottle and a hat.
- School book bags only please.



# Uniform Continued...

## P.E/Sportswear

Children will come to school in their PE kit on PE days. These will be confirmed in September.

- 1 pair of black/navy Shorts (NOT long length)
  - White short sleeved T-shirt (NO football shirts please)
  - 1 pair of Plimsolls or Trainers
- The "Shirland Primary School" sweatshirt, cardigan, white polo shirt and P.E kit can all be ordered online.  
(<https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/>)



Mrs Ogden and Mrs Gilbody work  
in the office.



If you come to breakfast club, you will see Mrs Chapman in the morning (awaiting appointment of another breakfast club leader September 2025).



# Family Support

- Miss Billiard is the schools Family Support Worker. Her role is to manage the schools Early Help offer.
- Support from Miss Billiard could include offering advice around challenging behaviour at home, support with routines and boundaries, financial support, Family Support meetings, signposting to external agencies.



# CNET Family Support Offer



- Mr Matthews (Safeguarding & Family Support Manager)
- Supporting the schools Family Support Worker with training and attending meetings if appropriate.
- Offering Non-Violent Resistance and Solihull Parenting approaches.
- School Readiness support →



# SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Please take a look at the SEND information on our school website for more information.

If you feel that your child has SEND, please let us know at the end of the meeting so we can arrange a separate meeting to talk in more detail.





We have lots of exciting activities to choose from inside our classroom



We do lots of outdoor learning in Reception.







If you would like your child to have cool milk,  
you need to register online at

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Please make sure that you state the start day  
on the first day of the school term in  
September. This will continue until your  
child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please take a letter at the end of the  
meeting.

# Family Assembly (Friday 2.45-3.10)



Starting after Christmas.  
Parents are all invited but  
you will receive a ParentHub  
message if your child is  
receiving an award that  
week.



# First Week's Staggered Start

All children will be in school on these days.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 8.50-11.30am

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: 8.50-12.30pm  
(staying for lunch)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September : ALL DAY!

# Transition Mornings

## 9.00am-11.30am

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Milo  
Isaac  
Charlie  
Magnus  
Nate  
George  
Louie  
Charlotte  
Lyla  
Tommy H  
Nathan  
Ava  
Oscar  
Jasmine  
Sofia

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Harvey  
Ava-Anne  
Eric  
Joel  
Olly  
Lara  
Archie-Jay  
Oliver  
Alfie  
Travis  
Tommy W  
Leo



# PTFA

(Parent, teacher,  
friend association)





