

Our Reception Team



Class 1

Mrs Ella (Class Teacher) and Mrs Gillatt (Teaching Assistant)

Class 2

Mrs Rogers (Class Teacher, EYFS Phase Lead) and Mrs Turner (Teaching Assistant)

Class 3

Miss Bailey (Class Teacher) and Miss Bradshaw (Teaching Assistant)



Welcome to Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School



Working together, nurturing excellence

Welcome to Reception

Nursery and Reception are part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Your child is about to start in their Reception year.

Overarching Principles in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

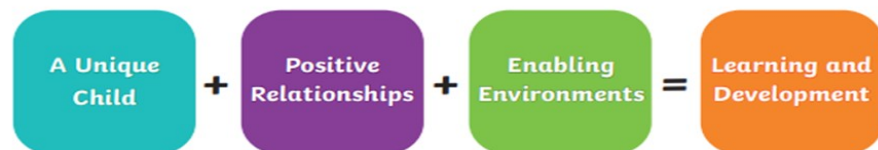
There are four overarching principles in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

These are:

- **A Unique Child**
- **Positive Relationships**
- **Enabling Environments**
- **Learning and Development**

Every child is unique and individual and will make progress at different rates. In order to thrive, learn and develop, they need to have opportunities to create positive relationships with others and explore environments that stimulate their curiosity.

These principles underpin all aspects of teaching and learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage.



The Learning Journey

Seesaw



- Seesaw is our school's online learning tool.
- We will be using Seesaw to share your child's learning journey with you. Photographs, pieces of work and comments will be added regularly for you to login to Seesaw and see.
- Home learning can be recorded and added to your child's journal on Seesaw too.
- Login details for your child will be sent to you via email. Please keep them safe!
- You can access Seesaw online or you can download the Seesaw app (from the App Store or Play Store).

What will my child be learning and doing?

- *At Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School we have three Reception classes, each with their own classroom.*
- *We have our Explorer's Den and Quad area for learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors.*



What will my child be learning and doing?

- *In Reception the children will be going outside everyday, regardless of the weather!*
- *The Quad will be available all day, everyday for the children to choose to go out into.*
- *They will need a warm, waterproof coat and a pair of wellies (in a carrier bag, to be left in school for particularly rainy days).*
- *Please name coats, wellies and the carrier bag*
- *Be ready for your child to possibly come home muddy! It shows they've been busy learning!*



What will my child be learning and doing?

- Characteristics of effective learning in EYFS are...

Playing and Exploring

Children investigate and experience things and 'have a go'.

Active Learning

Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties and enjoy achievements.

Creating and Thinking Critically

Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas and develop strategies for doing things.

Our Topics and Themes

- We are a 'Quality Texts' school where a wonderful book is selected to be at the heart of our activities and topics.
- We explore the themes through the use of the quality text. We use approaches such as DEAL (Drama Engagement Active Learning) and Tales Toolkit to engage and enthuse the children.

Reception	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Big Question	Why should we try new things?	What makes something real?	Is the journey as important as the place you're going to?	Why does the world need colours?	What makes something a 'treasure'?	Where do talents come from?
Topic	Adventure Awaits!	That's not a box...	Are We Nearly There Yet?	I Can Sing a Rainbow	Yo Ho, Yo Ho a Pirate's Life for Me!	You're Off to Great Places!
Theme	Self-confidence Thinking Ahead	Creativity Imagination	Journeys Travel Movement	Colours Growth Light	Risk taking Values	People Who Help Us Talents
Book	The Colour Monster Goes to School, Mabel & the Mountain, The Everywhere Bear, Spaghetti Hunters, Nimesh the Adventurer, What We'll Build, Dog Gone	Not a Box On Sudden Hill My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes	The Naughty Bus, Here We Are, Rosie's Walk, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Flying Bath	The Day the Crayons Quit, The Colour Monster, The World Made a Rainbow, The Magic Crayon, Planting a Rainbow	The Night Pirates The Pirates Next Door Pirates Love Underpants! We're Going on a Treasure Hunt The Treasure of Pirate Frank	Because All the Ways to be Smart Iggy Peck Architect Rosie Revere Engineer Dream Big Little Leader

The EYFS Framework

- There are 7 areas of learning in the EYFS Framework.*
- The three Prime Areas are...*

Personal, Social and
Emotional
Development

Physical
Development

Communication and
Language

- The four Specific Areas are...*

Mathematics

Literacy

Understanding the
World

Expressive Arts and
Design

- Activities, based upon our topic and theme, will be planned to address these 7 areas of learning.*

What will my child be learning and doing?

- A baseline assessment will be carried out at the start of your child's Reception year.*
- This is so that we can assess your child's achievements on entry to school.*
- Observations of the children will be completed throughout the year by teachers and teaching assistants to assess children's progress and identify next steps on their learning journey.*
- We have two Parent's Evenings a year to feedback to you about your child's learning and progress.*
- A written report about your child's achievements in Reception will be sent home in July too.*

What will my child need for school each day?

- *A waterproof jacket for warmer months and a warm, waterproof coat for the colder months. We will be going outside every day.*
- *An indoor PE kit (black shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps all named in a named bag). This will stay in school and be sent home during the holidays.*
- *A spare set of underwear and socks (to be put in the PE bag)*
- *A school book-bag (available from the School Office). Please name this.*
- *A water bottle, named.*
- *Please name all items of school uniform, coat and shoes.*

Banks Lane Infant & Nursery School Values

- *Our school values, that run through all we do at Banks Lane are collaboration, effort, excellence and respect.*
- *We are always 'working together, nurturing excellence'.*
- *Our school values are represented by characters that your child will become very familiar with during their time at Banks Lane Infants.*

Cornelius Collaboration



Ethel Effort



Eberhardt Excellence



Radmilla Respect



Iris (Well-being)

