

Parent's Information for New Starters Welcome!



We are so pleased to welcome you and your child to school. This session will help you feel confident and informed as your child begins Reception with us.

Positive, stimulating, and happy learning environment



Meet the Staff

Miss Jenkins
Teacher



Mrs Mackley
TA



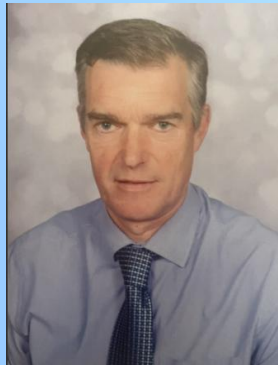
Miss Malcom
TA



Mrs Kelly
Teacher



Mr Foxwell
Headteacher



Mrs Whittaker
SENDCo



What do children learn in Reception?

The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2024)



In their Reception year, your child will work towards achieving the ELG's through a balance of adult led and child initiated learning. The adults working with your child will encourage them to learn and achieve through a well-planned and stimulating environment, underpinned by quality play experiences.

3 Prime Areas of Learning

Communication & Language

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Making relationships
- Sense of self
- Understanding emotions

Physical Development

- Moving and Handling
- Health and self-care



4 Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

- Reading
- Writing



Understanding the World

- People and communities
- The World
- Technology



Mathematics

- Number
- Spatial awareness
- Pattern
- Measures

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating with materials
- Being imaginative and expressive

The Great Outdoors

The children enjoy lots of opportunities to learn in the Reception outdoor environment.



Please provide your child with:

- A warm and waterproof coat every day (even on sunny days)
- Hats and gloves in cold weather
- Sun cream (applied before school)
- A sun hat in hot weather

Break times



Alongside our continuous outdoor provision, the Reception children join Year 1 and Year 2 for a 15-minute morning break, 10:10am – 10:25am

Prior to this break time, the Reception children enjoy snack time together in the classroom. All EYFS and KS1 children receive a free piece of fruit daily.

Lunch times

Reception lunch time is 11:50am – 1:00pm.

The school offers free, healthy school dinners with a choice of meals each day. The children can choose where to sit with their friends. Your child can bring a healthy, packed lunch if they prefer. The Reception staff will stay with the children on a lunchtime until they are settled. Please discuss meal choices with your child each morning.

The lunchtime supervisors support the children to take part in games using play equipment and outdoor toys on the playground or field.



Preparing your child for school

The best preparation you can give your child is helping them become confident, independent and able to communicate. Everything else, we will teach them.

School Ready – Key Skills:

- Use the toilet independently and wash hands.
- Put on coat and shoes (with a little help if needed).
- Talk about wants, needs and feelings.
- Listen and follow instructions.
- Take turns and begin to share.
- Sit for short periods of time (e.g. carpet time).
- Manage basic routines (tidy up, line up).
- Be willing to have a go and try new things.

The School Day

Full-time school starts on Tuesday 8th September.

The school gates will open at 8:45am.

The school day starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.25pm.

From day one, children will say their goodbyes to accompanying adults on the school playground. Please remember, children will settle much more easily if adults leave the playground quickly.

Initially, the children will line up on the playground and be taken into school by a staff member.

Only designated adults are permitted to collect children. This ensures all children are safeguarded.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please wait until all children are in the classroom and a member of staff will be happy to speak to you.

Transition Days

'Stay and Play'

Wednesday 8th July – 11:00am – 12:30pm

- Parents arrive at the allocated time with their child on the playground.
- We will meet you and show you where to line up (this will be the same in September).
- Children only need a water bottle and coat.

What to expect:

- Explore the classroom and outdoor area with your child.
- Meet the EYFS staff.
- Enjoy a school dinner together.
- After lunch, please leave via the main entrance.

Transition Days

Morning sessions

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July – 9:00am – 12:00noon

- Please arrive at the allocated time with your child and line up on the playground.
- Please say goodbye to your child. A staff member will take them into school.
- Children only need a water bottle and coat (clearly labelled with their name).

Collection at 12 noon

- Please wait at the side of the classroom near the play equipment.
- Children will be brought out in a line and handed over one at a time via the Reception outdoor area gate.
- When your child is at the front of the line, please wave so we can clearly see you.
- This will be the same routine used when children start full-time school.

The First Few Days of School

There can be a lot to remember in the first few days, but please do not worry as your child will soon be teaching you the routines!

School book bag every day (with schoolbooks inside once given).



Free fruit in the morning.

Water bottle (named).



All clothing named!



The children wear their PE kits on PE days. We will let you know when they are.



Lunch boxes or hot school dinner.



Other information...

Arbor – a system where all communications are in one place. We are a paperless and cashless school.

School Clothing – link on the school website. Any problems please come and ask.

School Dinners – free for all EYFS and KS1 children. Choice of packed lunch/school dinner each day.

Friends of the School – fundraising/volunteers

SENDCo – Mrs Whittaker

Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mr Foxwell, Miss Jenkins

The Admin bit!

You should now have all the information as listed below. It is important that we have up-to-date information about your child. If anything has changed/changes, please inform the school office as soon as possible. You should have already had:

Acknowledgement of your child's place at Romanby, details of transition days and September arrangements:

- All About Me
- Starting School Booklet
- School Prospectus

An invitation from Arbor

1. School Admission Form / Two Emergency Contacts
2. Medical Information / Dietary Information
3. Photo/Video and E-Safety Consent
 - Working with parents

Other matters...

- Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child. You can let the class teacher know on a morning or ring/email the school office.
- Any sickness/diarrhoea, must be followed by **at least 48 hours** absence.
- Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office by 9:15am at the latest.
- Any medication can only be administered by prior arrangement with the school office. This includes inhalers.
- Holidays in term time – under 5's; the current government view.

Finally...

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Any questions?

Before you go!...

Please follow us down to the Reception area to have a look at the classroom, outdoor area, cloakrooms and toilets.





This is the EYFS and Year 1 cloakroom area.

Every child has their own peg with their name on it.



This is the EYFS and Year 1 toilet area.

There are two girl's toilets and two sinks on one side of the cloakroom, and two boy's toilets and two sinks on the other side of the cloakroom.



This is the school hall.

We use the hall for assemblies, PE and lunch.

Here are some photos of the EYFS classroom.

There are lots of provision areas that will be similar to a nursery or pre-school setting.











This is the carpet area where we do the register and have teaching inputs.

Everybody sits on a black carpet spot.