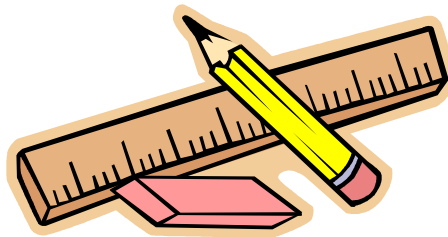


Welcome to Reception

Your child is now a member of Fir or Larch Class at Lauriston Primary School. We aim to provide a warm, happy and stimulating environment where your child will thrive and enjoy learning. This booklet has been put together to answer some of the questions you may have about the year ahead. We are looking forward to working with you and your child to make their time at Lauriston happy and rewarding.



Meet the Team

Class Teachers:

Annabelle Molyneux (Fir Class)

Deirdre Gormley (Larch Class)

Nursery Officers:

Karessa Hutchinson

Amal Sadek-Atalla

Sarah Boorn

Teaching Assistants:

Angie Bradbury

Stephanie Wilson

Official start time is 8.50am. Children will need to arrive and leave using the Morpeth Road or Connor Street entrances. Please ensure that you arrive on time as learning begins at 8.50am and the register closes at 9:00am sharp. Once children are settled, they will say goodbye to parents and carers in the cloakroom.

School times

School start time: 8:50am

School End time: 3:30pm

Extended Provision

Daily breakfast club - from 8.00am

£2.25 per session

Extended day

3.30pm - 5.45pm (Monday-Thursday)

3.30pm - 5.00pm (Friday)

£8 per session



Settling in



We understand the importance of this time in your child's life and we will work together to ensure the transition into Reception is a positive experience. It is normally best to be open and straightforward with your child about leaving them.

Slipping away when they are not looking can be very distressing to a child when they find out you have gone. Try to leave without hesitating as it is much harder for a child to deal with you leaving if you are unsure. It may help if you give your child a couple of minutes notice that you are leaving, so they can begin to get used to the idea. Some tears may result, but usually these are very short-lived, and stop as soon as you are out of sight.

In order to build your child's confidence in Reception it is important to build relationships with the staff. Feel free to ask questions to familiarise yourself with our routines, and do let us know of any concerns or worries you might have.

Toys from home

Children should not bring any toys from home into school. These invariably get lost or broken and cause unnecessary upset.

Clothing

Lauriston is a non-uniform school. Each child will need a book bag and P.E. shirt which can be purchased online or from the front office before they start in Reception. As outdoor play is a vital part of the Reception experience, please ensure that your child is adequately equipped for whatever the weather may bring, boots, hats, gloves and coats in winter time; sun hats and sun block in the summer time. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's full name.

We ask for your support in encouraging children to be independent when changing and going to the toilet. So easy access clothing such as jogging bottoms and leggings are really good. Also no jewellery (apart from stud earrings) should be worn.



Book bag - £3.50
P.E. Shirt - £6.00
These can both be purchased from the front office or via Parent Mail. Teachers will give them to the children on their first day of school.



The Curriculum

The children are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves and have respect for others and their environment. There are structured group times but also plenty of child initiated activities. Young children learn best through interacting with their environment, their peers and active adults.

Children engage in a wide range of activities that enable them to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage so that they are skilled, confident and ready to make the transition into Key Stage 1 as smoothly as possible. The Early Years Foundation Stage defines the curriculum to which we work and is organised into seven areas of learning:

Prime Areas

- ❖ Personal, Social and Emotional development
 - ❖ Communication and Language
 - ❖ Physical Development

Specific Areas

- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Literacy
- ❖ Understanding the World
- ❖ Expressive Arts and Design

Opportunities to develop in all of these areas are made available both indoors and outdoors.

A Typical Day in Reception

Morning

- Registration and handwriting
- Carpet time
- Self-initiated and adult focussed activities
- Snack time
- Phonics
- Self-initiated and adult focussed activities

LUNCH

Afternoon

- Guided Reading
- Self-initiated and adult focussed activities
- Story and Songs



Books

We invite children to take a book home to share with their family. This helps to foster enjoyment and appreciation of books, and develops your child's concentration, language and literacy skills.

Please write the name and date of books read into your child's reading record. The book should be placed into the book box along with the reading record so we know it has been

returned. We will be changing books on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.
Please still bring your child's book bag to school every day.



Trips

You will sign a permission form at the beginning of the school year for all subsequent school trips. We ask for a £10 contribution per term to fund these activities which can be paid via Parent Mail. Previous Reception school trips have included visits to Shoreditch Fire Station, Discover Centre, Pond dipping at the Soanes Centre and visits from the Freshwater Theatre Company.

Clubs

Specific Reception after school clubs are available from 3.30-4.30pm at a cost of £36 per term. Activities include Lego club, reading club, creative arts, ball games and many more.



Key-workers

The Reception Staff are all aware of the crucial role they play in developing learning. We recognise that children learn in many different ways and we draw on a range of teaching strategies and knowledge of child development. We encourage children to play, talk, listen, observe, plan, question and reflect on their experiences.

Your child will be assigned a key-worker. This person will be your first point of contact if you have any concerns or queries about your child. However, if your key worker is not available other members of staff will be happy to help. If it is a particularly busy time we will always do our best to arrange an appropriate time to meet.



Helping in Reception Class

We are always grateful for any parental help in the classroom and if you have any interests/skills that would benefit the learning environment please let us know. We will also be asking for parent volunteers to support with our reading program from January.

We look forward to working with you and your family and we are sure that your time in Larch/Fir Class will be a happy one.

Reception Class Team