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MEET THE TEAM



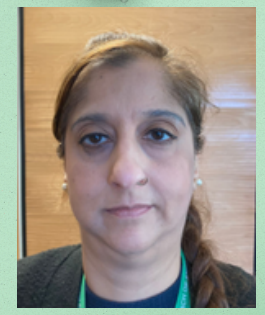
Mrs Garside



Mrs Keegan



Mrs Hussain

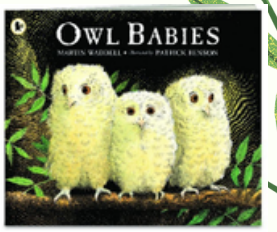


Mrs Siddique



Mrs Riley

This half term, our learning will be inspired by the story Owl Babies, helping children explore themes of family, belonging, friendship and feelings. Through topics including All About Me, My Feelings, My Family, People Who Help Us and Harvest, children will develop confidence, build new friendships and learn more about themselves and the world around them. Through stories, play and practical activities, they will also begin to develop the early literacy, communication and maths skills needed for a successful start to the year



Notices

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Home Learning

We would greatly appreciate your support with any home learning activities that are sent home, as these help to reinforce and extend your child's learning in school. Please also spend time sharing and enjoying the reading books sent home, as regular reading together helps to build confidence, develop language skills and foster a lifelong love of books.



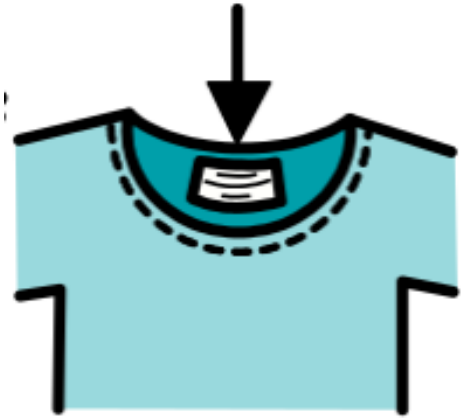
LABELLING

Please could we ask you to ensure that all items of uniform including shoes, coats, lunch boxes and spare clothes bags are clearly labelled with your child's name. Inevitably, items are put on the wrong peg, left in the classroom or accidently go home with the wrong child. Clear labelling allows the children to become independent and enables us to find items quickly and return them to their owner.



OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate outdoor clothing, including a waterproof coat and wellies, as we enjoy learning outdoors in all weather conditions. We access our outdoor provision and Forest School activities throughout the year, so suitable clothing will help children stay comfortable, dry and able to fully enjoy these valuable learning experiences.



Benefits of Reading

Books

1. Language Development

· Regular reading exposes children to new vocabulary, sentence structures, and sounds, which strengthens their language skills.

· It helps them understand how words connect to meaning, improving comprehension and communication.



2. Cognitive Growth

· Listening to stories stimulates imagination and creativity.

· It builds memory, attention span, and problem-solving skills as children follow plots and anticipate outcomes.

3. Emotional Bonding

· Shared reading time creates a sense of security and strengthens the parent-child relationship.

· It provides opportunities for comfort and positive interaction, which is essential for emotional well-being.



4. Early Literacy Skills

· Children learn how books work (left-to-right reading, turning pages) and begin recognizing letters and sounds.

· These foundational skills make the transition to independent reading smoother.

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5. Academic Success

· Studies show that children who are read to regularly perform better in school, especially in reading and writing.

· It fosters curiosity and a love for learning, which benefits all subjects.

6. Social and Emotional Understanding

· Stories introduce children to different characters, cultures, and situations, helping them develop empathy and social awareness.



Thank you in anticipation for your support and help

The Early Years Team

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