



Welcome to Heatherley Primary School -Early Years Foundation Stage

Topics in EYFS

Autumn 1- Getting to know me

Autumn 2- Traditional Tales

Spring 1- Dinosaurs

Spring 2- Amazing Animals (pets)

Summer 1- Amazing Animals (farm)

Summer 2-At the Seaside

We look forward to getting to know your child, here at Heatherley. See you soon! – Miss Swinscoe

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Heatherley Primary School.

We passionately believe that all children, whatever their individual circumstance, should feel secure, valued and challenged in all aspects of their school life by being at the centre of every decision we make. We strive to enable our children to leave Heatherley as skilled and well-rounded individuals, who consistently make the right choices and are successfully prepared to make a positive contribution to society.

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What we need from you

Before your child joins Heatherley



- Talk to your child about their new school, it is an exciting but unknown change for them.
- Show your child pictures of the staff.
- Allow your child to recognise their own belongings.
- Encourage independence such as toileting, hand washing and getting dressed.
- We have rabbits in the unit, please talk to your child about animal care.
- Provide the school office with your email address so that we can add you to Tapestry to share more information together.

What your child will need to bring:



- Water bottle
- School uniform, as cheap as possible as your child will get messy!
- Book bag (school Velcro bag to save space in the unit.)
- You can now order and pay for school uniform online from our new supplier, by visiting www.mapac.com.
- F2 (Reception) ONLY- PE kit- white t-shirt, blue shorts/ joggers/leggings
- F1 Fridays only- Non-uniform for Nature Detectives outside.

A day in the unit

Foundation 1 (Nursery) Timetable-

8:40 – Doors open for morning and all day children.

8:50- Doors close

8:50 – Registration and morning routines.

9:05 – 9:30 – Daily dollop.

9:30- 11:00- COOL (choose our own learning) time

11:00 – 11:30 – Letters and Sounds.

11:30 – 11:50 – Snack, singing/reading and hometime for morning children.

11:30-12:30- Lunchtime for all day children.

11:50- Morning children go home

12:30 – Afternoon children arrive and Registration.

12:40 – 1:00 – Daily dollop.

1:00 – 2:45 – COOL time.

2:45 – 3:00 –Snack

3:00 – 3:20- Letters and Sounds

3:30- Hometime.

Foundation 2(Reception) – Daily timetable

8:40 – Doors open

8:50- Doors close

8:50 – Registration and morning routines.

9:05 – 9:30 – Daily dollop literacy.

9:30- 11:00- COOL (choose our own learning) time

11:00 – 11:30 – Letters and Sounds.

11:30 – 12:30 – Lunchtime.

12:30- 12:40 – Registration.

12:40 – 1:00 – Daily dollop numeracy.

1:00 – 2:45 – COOL time.

2:45 – 3:00 –Snack

3:00 – 3:20- Reading activity

3:30- Hometime.

Meet the staff



Miss Swinscoe

EYFS Lead and
Foundation Stage 2
Teacher



Miss Unwin

Foundation 2
Teacher



**Mrs
Chambers**

Foundation 2
Teaching assistant



Miss Achillea

Foundation 1
Teacher



Mrs Nussey

Foundation 1
Teaching assistant



**Mrs
Morgan**

Foundation 1
HLTA

Learning, playing, fun

How our children learn

Our children leave the EYFS Unit as happy, imaginative, well rounded children who have built up resilience to try and solve problems independently. We achieve this through daily dollops and COOL time. Daily dollops are adult led teaching sessions with the group of children. COOL time stands for Choose Our Own Learning, this is when children learn through play, which is how children learn best! We try to get as much COOL time as possible- adults nurture the children's learning through carefully enhancing the play.

Literacy and Maths

The children have regular daily dollops for literacy and maths, however we also enhance areas to include these! Some examples- we have writing areas with birthday cards, postcards, we add measuring tapes and rulers to the construction areas, we have dart boards with numbers on. The children learn lots! We also teach phonics everyday using Letters and Sounds.

Messy play

We love getting messy at Heatherley!! We use lots of different things to get messy such as playdough, water, sand, slime, mud, food and many more things. From this, children get a sensory experience. It builds up fine and gross motor skills, imagination, expressive arts and design and the adults can enhance the learning- perhaps by adding alphabet spaghetti and writing words!



We have lots of play activities outside!



Our outdoor area is a sight to see when in full play! We have an outdoor play area plus an outdoor bike area complete with scooters, tricycles, road markings, road signs and role play bibs. The outdoor area includes- large water area, large sandpit, construction blocks, builders station with real hammers and nails, balancing games, rabbits to look after, instruments, gardening, large painting and many more things!

Nature Detectives!

In Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery), the children spend Fridays outside being nature detectives where they learn all about the great outdoors together. They have snack outside, a learning focus and play! If your child is F1, please send them with clothes that you are happy to get dirty and some wellies. Thank you!

Creativity!

We encourage and build upon children's ideas all the time! We have box modelling, arts and crafts, finger gym areas, small construction like Lego and Duplo and lots more things that come out depending on the topic. The children have access to role play too, to show off their amazing imagination!

Tapestry

We use an app called Tapestry to make observations to share with parents. As transition is delayed this year to September, we can use Tapestry to send photos to and from school! Send the office your email so that we can send an activation email.

