

What you can do to help:

Make sure your child:

- *gets plenty of sleep*
- *has a good breakfast*
- *shares a book every day*
- *is on time and in school every day*

Your Teachers

Just to remind you, Miss Corrigan is the Class Teacher Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Woodbridge is the Class Teacher Thursday & Friday. Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs Amin and Mrs McCafferty who are in everyday.

Your child will be given a contact book. This is for you to write any messages in for us. Please can your child have the contact book ready to put in a box near the door on entry to school. Any reward stickers that are given to the children during the day will be put into their contact book as well as any letters.

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Billy Class Newsletter

Term 1 September 2021





Welcome to Billy Class!

Term 1

This term we will be exploring our new environment and getting to know each other. In the first few weeks we will be learning our school values which are:

Respect
Responsibility
Pride
Honesty

We will spend time getting to know our daily school routine, as well as building independence and self-confidence.

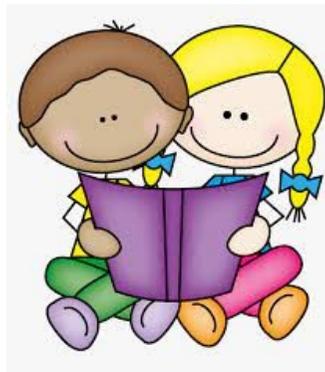
A big focus in the Early Years is developing the children's communication & language and social skills. We will spend lots of time listening to stories, talking to each other and learning how to cooperate.

We will spend lots of time outside developing our fine and gross motor skills by running, climbing, riding bikes, building and exploring.

Phonics

This year, the children will begin their reading journey through daily Phonics lessons. Phonics is a method schools use to teach your child to read the sounds in words. It helps your child to learn to read quickly and skillfully and is an essential part of your child's education.

In the first few weeks, your child will bring home a storybook of their own choice to share with an adult. This will not be a book they will be able to read but instead it is to develop the routine of 'storytime', getting your child used to the idea of sitting and enjoying a story, talking about the pictures and sharing that special time with you. As the term goes on, we will introduce decodable books in line with our Phonics teaching.



Our PE days will be Monday and Wednesday. Your child can wear their PE kit into school for the whole day.

Please check your child's book bag each day for messages or letters that may have come home.

It would be really helpful if you could supply spare underwear to be kept in school in a named bag (this could possibly be your PE bag). We would, however, be very grateful if you could support us as much as you can with regard to your child being as independent as possible.

Please send in wellington boots for your child to keep in school in case of bad weather we have a rack in our outside area. Wellies must be clearly named. An all in one rain suit are great if you are happy for your child to play in the rain!

Thank you :)