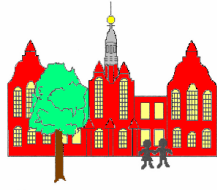


Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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Foundation Stage Handbook.



Dear Parents and Carers,

During this academic year, 2009-2010, your child will be joining the Foundation Stage Unit at Stepney Primary School. Your child's teachers will be Mrs Heidstra, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Carmichael.

This pack will help you to prepare and support your child during his/her time at Stepney Primary School. Please take time to read the information and use some of the resources to help your child at home.

Thank you for your support.

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Unit at Stepney Primary School. We are pleased that your child is joining us!

Staff

Mr P Browning - Headteacher

Mrs J Carmichael- Foundation Stage 1 Teacher

Mrs R Hudson- Foundation Stage 1 Teacher

Mrs H Bielby - Foundation Stage 1 Teacher

Mrs S Heidstra- Foundation Stage 2 Teacher

Mrs S Jackson- Nursery Nurse

Miss K Webb- Classroom Support Assistant

Session Times

8.45- School doors open and parents are invited in to work with their child. Children enter school through the Foundation Stage entrance.

8.55- morning session begins. One session per week will be a 'Stay and Play' session in which parents are invited to stay with their child for a short period of time whilst they play.

11.45- morning session ends. Morning Nursery children should be collected at this time. Reception aged children will go for lunch.

1.00- Afternoon session begins.

3.15- Afternoon session ends.

We also operate a breakfast club each weekday morning from **8.00 - 8.45**. Please see the school office for more information. The breakfast club is only available for the Reception aged children.

Stepney Primary School also offers a range of After School Clubs which run from **3.15 - 4.15**. Letters will be sent out at the beginning of the year notifying parents of these clubs. These clubs are only available for Reception Aged children.

Parent/Carer Board

This board is your main source of information and should be checked regularly for updates about class activities e.g Show and Tell and Stay and Play dates for the week.

Uniform

We request that your child wears our school uniform. This is a red jumper, white T-shirt and grey/black trousers or skirt. Red sweatshirts with the school logo on are available from the school office. Girls may also wear red and white gingham summer dresses.

P.E

Reception aged children will have a weekly P.E session. You will be notified of the P.E day in September. Your child will need a change of clothing for P.E and will need a T-shirt, shorts and a pair of sandshoes/trainers. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied back. P.E bags are available from the school office.

Reading.

Reception children will be given a reading book to read at home. They will bring these home every night and you are invited to make comments in their Reading Record Book. School reading bags are available to buy from the School Office.

Homework.

Your child will receive regular homework. You and your child can work together to complete the activity. The completed homework will need to be returned to school.

Home/School communication.

We believe that it is very important that we work closely with parents and carers to ensure that we are providing for your child in every way possible. Occasionally we may ask you to bring in photographs, notes or other evidence relating to specific points of development.

Parents and Carers in school.

At Stepney we value the support of parents and carers in their child's education.

- Parents/carers are invited in to school to work with their child from 8.45 - 8.55 each day.
- Parents/carers are invited to weekly 'Stay and Play' sessions.
- Parent's Evenings are held to review your child's progress and discuss ways forward.
- Parents/carers are invited to attend special events e.g Class Assembly/Sports' Day.

Please speak to Mrs Heidstra, Mrs Carmichael or Mrs Hudson if you would like to come in to school at any other time.

Useful Websites.

www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/play_and_do/

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/curriculum/

www.direct.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/Helping

www.wheresmypeg.co.uk

www.parentscentre.gov.uk

www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/Curriculum/Foundation%20Stage.htm

The above sites contains lots of links to games and activities which may support your child's learning.

Reception key word list

These are the essential words that children need to be able to read and spell by the end of Reception. They will be learning these in class but extra support at home will benefit your child greatly.

I	is	said	go	you
up	are	this	going	they
look	away	play	a	am
we	to	come	day	the
like	dog	big	my	mum
and	no	dad	all	get
on	in	went	was	of
at	me	she	see	it
for	yes	can	cat	he