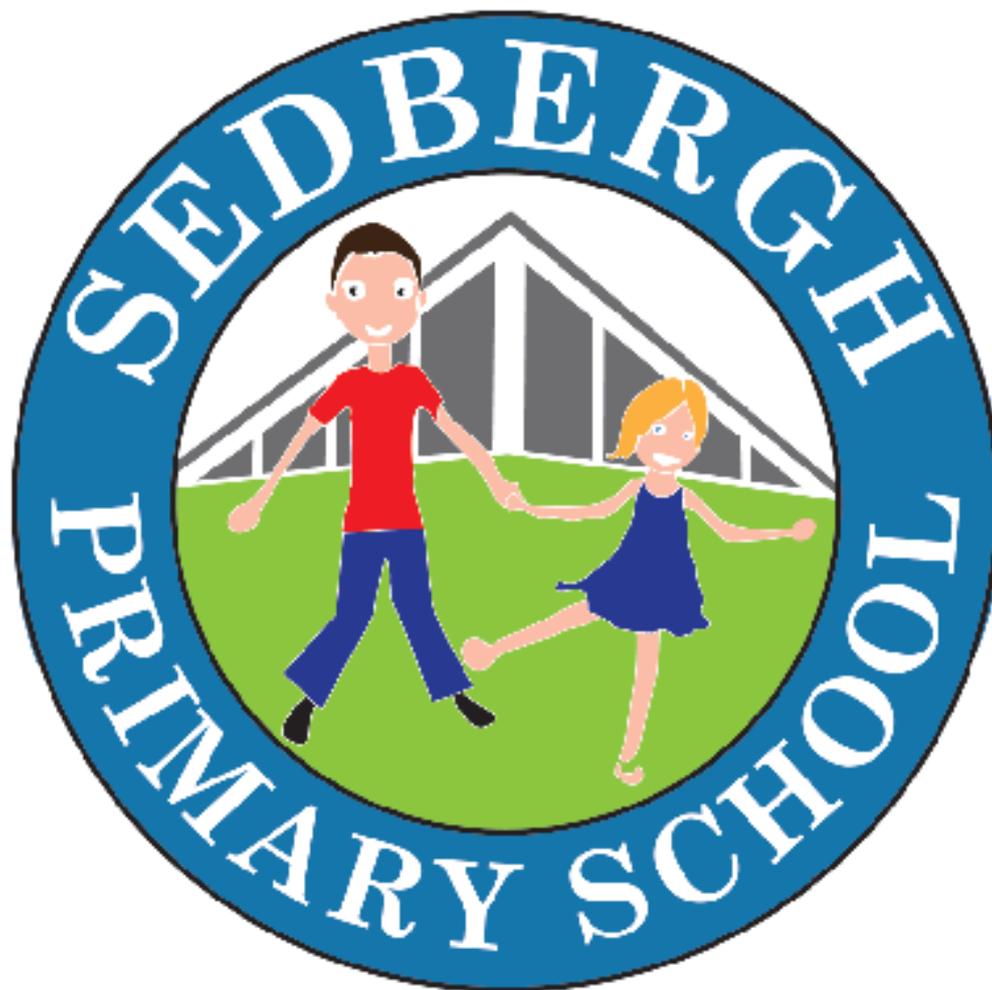


Sedbergh Primary School



EYFS Booklet

2020/21

Welcome to our EYFS Class

EYFS Teachers

Miss Anna Healey (Mon - Wed)

Mrs Jayne Jones (Wed - Fri)

Miss Healey is currently teaching Mon-Fri to cover Mrs Jones maternity leave.

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Lisa White

Miss Brewer

Mrs Phipps

Session Times

Nursery: Monday - Friday 8.50 - 11.50 am 12.00 - 3.30pm	Reception: Monday to Friday 8.50am - 3.30pm
Our school day is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours long in total.	

You will be reminded of term dates and holidays once the Autumn term has started. The school operates a school 'app'. We use the app to contact parents and share important information. You will be sent an SMS message to set this up in August. If you have any issues with the app, please contact the school office (015396 20510). Please also remember to check our website and Facebook page for any upcoming events and to see what we have been up to.

We are always available and welcome the opportunity to discuss any worries you may have as soon as possible, preferably after school, as time before each session is necessary to prepare the day's activities.

If your child is absent due to illness please can you phone Mrs Scarr (school secretary) in the school office that morning (015396 20510).

On arrival

Nursery: Your child will enter through the Infant door on the bottom playground. We will support your child to ensure coats are hung on their allocated coat pegs and their book bags are in their named tray.

Reception: Your child will enter through the Infant door in the bottom playground. Your child will be encouraged to hang up their coat on their named peg hook in the corridor and put their water bottle, packed lunch or snack on the trolley just inside the main infant door. Please ensure the water bottle and snack is labelled.

Your child will then need to come inside and take part in activities that are set out before registration. Please be aware that the doors will be locked at 9am every morning so it is important that you arrive at school on time. If you are late, please take your child to the main entrance area and ensure you see Mrs Scarr in the office before bringing your child down to the classroom, so that she knows your child is present for dinners or emergencies.

At the end of the sessions

Your child will need to get ready for home by collecting their coat, packed lunch, water bottle etc. A member of staff will be present to help if needed. They will then sit with the other children on the carpet until a member of staff has seen you on the playground. Your

child will then be sent to you through the Infant door. We will not send your child out until we have seen you.

If you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone else, **please** inform a member of the EYFS staff at the beginning of the day.

We advise you to put schools number 015396 20510 in your mobile in case you need to change arrangements so Mrs Scarr can tell us and we can prepare your child for the change.

Weekly timetable

A weekly timetable is put up on the 'planning board' in the classroom to give you an overview of what your child will be learning that week. However, the timetable may change due to children's interests, school commitments or other unforeseen circumstances.

Important Days:

- PE sessions will take place on Fridays.

- Wednesday morning - We take part in forest school activities on our school field and in the wild garden. Please provide wellies and waterproofs that can be kept in school at all times.

Curriculum

Our EYFS class follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, which is called Development Matters and is split into 7 areas.

Prime

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

Specific

- Literacy

- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Designs

Your child will access these areas through our play based provision in which we plan challenging and stimulating activities for your child.

We will enhance the environment by providing a wide range of resources inside and out and work with your child in their independent play through questioning and supporting their learning. Throughout the week, your child will also experience teacher led activities which are in small groups or as a whole class.

Your child will also continue learning through the phonic programme that we implement in school called Letters and Sounds. This will be a daily twenty minute session which is split between classes, from Nursery to Year 2. We will inform you over the year of the work your child is doing and how you can help at home.

Curriculum topics include:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
CYCLE A	Home Sweet Home	The spirit of Christmas	Once upon a time...	Helping Hands	Animal Crackers	Wonderful World
CYCLE B	Family Fortunes	Come and join the celebrations	Toy town	Over the rainbow	A Ticket to Ride	If you go down to the woods...

These are some of the topics that are looked at throughout the two years in our EYFS class. They will be covered on a two year rolling programme. However, we try to follow the children's interests as well therefore, topics may vary and change depending on the direction of the children's learning.

The topic that we are focusing on will be displayed on our 'planning board', along with any comments, questions or suggestions your

children have made regarding what they wish to learn about. **It is important that you know what your child is learning and how you can support the work we do in school.** Therefore, we also send home regular updates via the school app, with important information regarding your child's learning or our new topic. It is important that you receive these notifications from the app to ensure you do not miss out on any special days or requests to bring something in. We will also send home any phonic activities that you could work on with your child and home learning challenges will be sent out to Reception children each half term.



We also have a Facebook page 'Sedbergh Primary School - EYFS' that will keep you up to date with what's going on. Please like our page to get regular updates.

Learning Journeys

Your child will have a personal on-line Learning Journey in the form of a digital book celebrating his or her experiences. Over time it will tell a story about your child and their learning. It will include their friends, and the experiences he or she enjoys sharing with others. It will include photos, observations, snippets of conversation and assessments. It also enables you to contribute to their learning journey from the comfort of your own home and we encourage you to do so by uploading photos, videos and comments, or commenting on observations made by us. We value all the contributions from home as it allows us to build a full picture of your child's learning and interests which will benefit the work we do in school. When your child reaches the end of Reception you will receive a CD with your child's digital book for you to keep as a memento of your child's first years at school, with the option of printing it at home.

Additional Paid Sessions for Nursery

Currently each child aged three is entitled to 15 hours of learning in our setting. However, some children are now entitled to 30 hours. If you are unsure how many hours you are entitled to, please check the Government website for further information. At Sedbergh Primary School, we aim to be flexible and therefore offer extra sessions which may be paid for over the week, including lunch sessions. The cost for each additional three hour session is £12 and each lunch session is £2. Extra sessions are payable per half term or by instalments.

Helpful Information

- School uniform can be ordered online. Please visit our website to find the appropriate link www.sedberghprimary.org.uk.
- At the start of each school year, please could we have a spare, named, change of clothes to remain on your child's peg. We do provide aprons for messy activities but accidents can happen.
- PE takes place on a Friday - Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit.
- Shared reading books - your child will have the opportunity to bring home a book for you to share together each night. Children will choose their book independently at some point throughout the day and bring it home to share with you at night as a bed time story. This book is not for the child to read but for a parent/ guardian / sibling to read to the child and encourage their love of books.
- Reading books - Children will initially bring home picture books to talk through the story and become familiar with telling stories/ turning pages etc. As your child progresses through the Letters and Sounds programme we will begin to send home a game linked to their Letters and Sounds Phase to begin

learning the initial sounds in words followed by books with words for your child to read. These games and books will be sent home in a plastic wallet inside your child's book bag every Wednesday and Friday night. **It is really important that you return these wallets to school on a Thursday and Monday morning so that teachers can change the books.** Please write in the diary when you have done the activity / reading otherwise we won't know to change it - it can be a quick initial or comment and if you only have time to read two or three pages, that's fine!

- Please make us aware of any allergies a.s.a.p. and complete the medical information sheet that is sent home at the start of the year.
- If children would like a snack at morning/afternoon playtime they may bring a healthy snack that they can leave on the snack trolley or in their packed lunches (please make sure this is named).
- If your child is going to get the bus to and from school, please let Mrs Jones or Miss Healey know and your child will be given a bus book. This is a small notebook that allows communication between teachers and parents. Please also write in here if they are not on the bus as we will always send them home on the bus unless we hear otherwise from an adult.