

Welcome to Reception!

Elmgrove Primary School & Nursery



Aims of the power point

- To provide you with the answers to your questions about starting school.
- Share information about how we aim to support you and your child settle happily into school
- Share our aims for working together with you



Why is the Early Years Important?

- Learning in the first five years of your child's life enables them to grow and develop into successful adults.
- We are going to highlight three areas of learning and give you some ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home.
- These three areas are very important for your child's ability to make progress in school.

Physical development

- Play football and catch with your child
- Make an obstacle course in the garden for your child to run and jump around
- Let your child dance and sing songs together
- Talk to your child about eating fruit and vegetables
- Make sure your child brushes his/her teeth



Physical development in school



The children are learning to run and jump and balance.



The children have constructed a bridge to balance on supporting their independence and physical skills.





Making a Web

- The children are threading string to make a spiders web and this helps them learn how to use their hands to make precise movements that are needed for writing.

Speaking and Listening



Listening

- When you go out listen to all the sounds you can hear. Who can hear the most sounds?
- Play a game where you need to listen to the instructions e.g. Simon Says.

Understanding

- When your child is helping ask them questions e.g. 'What can I use to cut the apple?' or 'What else do I need to make a sandwich?'
- Give them simple instructions to follow e.g. 'Put your shoes in the basket' or 'Put the remote control on the sofa'

Speaking

- Speak to your child all the time. Ask them to tell you about what they are doing or what they were doing yesterday.

Speaking and listening in school



One of our Summer topics is mini beasts. The children are working together to build homes for mini beasts using lego. They discuss their models, why they are making it and how they can improve them.

The children are talking about their numbers and how many legs each spider needs. They will count the legs as they put them on. They will speak in sentences and learn the names of the insects.

Speaking and listening in school

- The children are talking to each other about what they are doing in the sand and sharing the objects that they need to play.
- The children are playing in a café and talking about what they are making and what they are going to order.



Personal and Social Development

- Let your child build things with friends using big cardboard boxes or Lego.
- Ask your child how you can help if they are making something or playing.
- Let them help you to put away the clothes or match pairs of socks.
- Give your child clear boundaries and explain to them why they cannot do certain things e.g. run around the supermarket
- Help your child to learn to share things and take turns without becoming upset or angry.



Personal and social development in school

Making a puzzle

- The children are making a puzzle together. They will talk to each other and help to find the right piece to go in the puzzle.



Reading Area



- This is the reading area in one of the classrooms. The children are able to sit here and read to one another.

Reading outside



- In the outdoor area the children are able to play games to practise their reading and writing.

Routines

- Attendance and punctuality are very important
- P.E bag/reading folders/uniform – available at www.mapac.com
- School toys stay at school
- Home toys stay at home
- There will be weeks where we ask children to bring in items from home as part of their home learning.

Uniform

Please help your child to feel a part of Elmgrove by sending him/her to school in our uniform. The school colours are navy blue, light blue and grey. Sweat shirts, cardigans, fleeces and polo shirts, as well as our PE kit and book bags with the school logo can be bought from our official uniform supplier, Mapac, from their website: www.mapac.com



School uniform is:

Light blue polo shirt with the school logo
Grey (not charcoal grey) trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
Plain grey, white or navy blue socks or tights
In the summer girls may wear a light blue and white checked dress

Shoes

Sensible black shoes should be worn to school, ***not*** trainers, boots, or open toed sandals.

PE Kit

Navy shorts

White T-shirt (plain or with the school logo)

Elastic fronted black plim-solls

Navy tracksuit (for colder weather)

Navy drawstring PE bag with the school logo



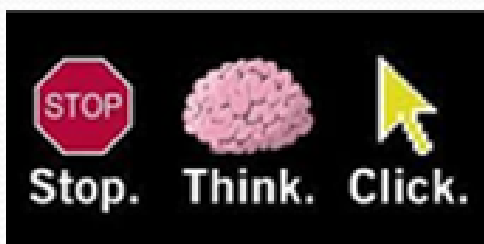
Please ensure that every item that your child wears or brings to school is clearly named.

Children should not wear jewellery to school for safety and security reasons. The only exceptions to this are items worn for religious reasons as agreed by the Headteacher, or very small stud earrings or watches.

On days when the children have Physical Education lessons no jewellery should be worn.

If your child wears a headscarf, it should be white, navy or black.

At Elmgrove we offer children the access to a computing curriculum, through a variety of resources and equipment which develops their skills and empowers them to be active, independent, confident and responsible participants in an ever changing digital world. In return, we expect all pupils to agree to be responsible users and report any misuse or worrying content to a trusted adult.



These are the rules the children agree to follow when using any digital technology:

I WILL:

- **LOOK AFTER** all ICT equipment that I use at school.
- Ask for **PERMISSION** before I use the internet.
- Always use my **OWN** username and password.
- Browse the websites I am **ALLOWED** to.
- Keep my personal information **PRIVATE**.
- Use the ICT equipment for **SCHOOL WORK** only.
- Only edit/delete my **OWN** files and not look at/change other people's files without their permission.
- **RESPECT** and be aware that some websites/social networks have age restrictions.
- **SAVE** my work on the school network.
- Check with a trusted adult before I **PRINT** anything.
- Always be **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL** with everyone online.
- **TELL** a trusted adult if I'm worried, scared or just not sure.
- Click on the **BEE** to block the screen if something upsets me.
- **LOG OFF** or **SHUT DOWN** my computer when I have finished using it.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- The school may **CHECK** my computer files and look at the internet sites I have visited.
- If I break these rules, my access to school equipment or internet can be **TAKEN AWAY** and my parents will be informed.

Lunchtime at School

- Your child will be able to have a free hot lunch at school.
- When you fill in your form you can choose if your child needs to have a vegetarian, halal or non halal meal.
- The children have fun eating in the school hall with their class.
- They have an adult to help them at lunchtime
- During the summer let your child eat a meal on his/her own and learn to use a knife and fork.

Sample Menu

Halal/Non-Halal	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (V)	Chicken Meatballs in Marinara Sauce & Spaghetti/Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Halal Chilli Con Carne with a slice of Baguette & Rice	Salmon/Cod Fish Fingers & chips
Vegetarian	Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Bolognaise	Vegetable Bean Bake	Falafel in Tomato Sauce	Bean Burger
Vegetables	Sweetcorn/Peas Mixed Salad	Mini Corn/Green Beans Mixed Salad	Organic Carrots/Broccoli Mixed Salad	Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Beans/Peas Mixed Salad
Desserts	Tropical fruit sponge with custard	Fruited Jelly & Ice Cream	Apple & Pear Crumble with custard	Apricot Shortbread	Chocolate Mousse and Mandarins
	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurts
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Halal/Non-Halal	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (V)	Lamb Lasagne with Focaccia Bread	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Tikka with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips
Vegetarian	Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Lasagne with Focaccia Bread	Vegetarian Moussaka	Chickpeas and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Quesadillas
Vegetables	Mixed Salad	Mixed Salad	Organic Carrots/Broccoli Mixed Salad	Farmhouse Vegetables Mixed Salad	Beans/Peas Mixed Salad
Desserts	Scotch Pancakes, Fruit & Ice Cream	Banana Flapjack	Iced Carrot Cake	Fruited Cheesecake	Chocolate Sponge with custard
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Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Halal/Non-Halal	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (V)	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Chicken Jollof Rice & Home-made Bread	Fish Fillet with Chips
Vegetarian	Pasta Bake	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake with garlic bread	Roasted Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Savoury Rice with Home-made Bread	Mixed Bean Wrap with Chips
Vegetables	Mini Corn/Beans Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad	Organic Carrots/Broccoli Mixed Salad	Roasted peppers/peas Mixed Salad	Beans/Peas Mixed Salad

Collecting your child from school

- Important that we have up-to-date information
- Children can only be sent home with named carers
- If circumstances change you must let the school know

Top tips

- Talk to your child
- Let your child run and take risks
- Find time to read stories to your child



Home Visit

- Home visits will take place between Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th September.
- This is an important time when you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher
- Please do make sure you are in for the morning/afternoon session you are allocated (this information will be e-mailed to you)

Starting School

- Your child will start coming to school on Thursday 9th September
- For 9th -10th September children will come to school at either 8.50 or 10.30 for just over an hour.
- Monday 13th September, Tuesday 14th September and Wednesday 15th September your child will come to school at 8:50, stay for lunch and finish at 1.30
- Thursday 16th September onwards your child will come to school at 8:50 and finish at 3.10 and will be full time.



- Thank you so much for reading this power point. Have a good summer break and we can't wait to see you in September.