

Weaverham Forest



Children First

Reception

2026 - 2027

take (an incredibly small!) seat on the carpet.

Staff in Reception

- ▶ Mr Proctor
- ▶ Mrs Kennish (Monday - Thursday all day)
- ▶ Miss Ebrell (Monday - Thursday morning and all day Friday)
- ▶ Mr Proctor is out of the classroom on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon to complete his SEN paperwork and monitoring role. **Miss Moores** will be leading the class during these times.
- ▶ We are also joined today by one of our lovely Family Hub colleagues should you have any individual questions around health after the meeting.

First few weeks...

- ▶ We'll be helping the children to settle in and getting to know them and their interests.
- ▶ We will introduce the children to carpet times by sharing stories and singing songs.
- ▶ Phonics, Maths and Literacy sessions will be gradually introduced into our daily routine.
- ▶ Baseline Assessments are completed.

After the first few weeks...

- ▶ Planning will be based on the children's interests. However, we base some of our literacy work around carefully chosen texts.
- ▶ The initial Maths lessons will look at developing the children's understanding of the numbers 1-5 and what they mean.
- ▶ Learning also takes place during continuous provision (Planning in the Moment).
- ▶ As well as having some whole class inputs, the children will begin to work in small groups.
- ▶ Please see the videos on our class page for more information.

Reading

- ▶ From NEXT FRIDAY Children will take home a phonics book which will match the sounds previously taught. This book is read in paired / group reading sessions everyday for a week before it is taken home. They will also bring home a Reading for Pleasure book (one of these should have made its way home tonight!)
- ▶ Books are swapped on Friday.
- ▶ Children are expected to read five times a week. This is really important!
- ▶ However, it is not expected for them to read THE WHOLE BOOK at this early stage of their development
- ▶ A sharing of reading with adults, siblings or other family members is also strongly encouraged.
- ▶ We ask parents to record reading at home using the Boom Reader! App. Login details should also have been in book bags tonight!

Boom Reader

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Pupil

I'm a
Parent

I'm a
Teacher

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Weaverham Forest Primary School
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 **PIN Code**

LOGIN


**Ask your teacher for your
login sheet**

Shared learning

- ▶ Having had 3 children go through Reception in school, I am well aware of the fact that you might be met with “nothing” when you ask what they have been up to in school.
- ▶ I try to post daily updates, usually alongside a short summary, on Seesaw. You should have now all received login details for this website/app.
- ▶ It is a great way for me to share the children’s learning but also for you to keep me updated if they have then taken that learning home with them (for example through playing with their own toys).
- ▶ Every Friday / Saturday (sometimes Sunday if it is a busy weekend in the Proctor house!) I will post a detailed summary of what has been going on inside Reception.

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Phonics

- ▶ Sounds~Write Phonics Programme.
- ▶ Taught daily (15 to 20 minutes).
- ▶ Whole class to start then children will work in their own phonics group.
- ▶ Really important to reinforce correct sounds (phonemes) at home.
- ▶ There is a video on our class page of the website which demonstrates how to say each of the sounds.
- ▶ Please take home an information guide that also includes a useful link to free parent 'training.'

Observations

- ▶ We have two or three focus children a week.
- ▶ During the week we work to move on those children's learning 'In the Moment'.
- ▶ Parents will receive three report cards over the year. The first two report cards will be followed by a parent's evening.
- ▶ The third report card, sent out at the end of the school year, will be accompanied by a report. There is then the option of a parent/teacher call if there are any further questions.

Lunches and Snacks

- ▶ Children may bring in a healthy snack from home (no nuts, sugary snacks).
- ▶ However, free fruit and milk is provided by the school so they won't go hungry!
- ▶ Named water bottles should be brought in to school on a daily basis.
- ▶ Please continue to order lunches online.
- ▶ All lunch boxes and snack boxes need to be clearly labelled.
- ▶ Bagels can be ordered online for a hot morning snack, and a fruit pot is being offered soon!

Buddies!

- ▶ Your child may have mentioned that this week they have met and spent time with their buddies.
- ▶ We are really proud of our buddy 'program' at Weaverham. It was even highlighted in our recent Ofsted by inspectors as being really valuable!
- ▶ I spoke in detail with Mrs Rushworth before the holidays and we placed buddies carefully together. Of course they don't always follow our predictions but so far we have almost got it right!
- ▶ For the first few weeks of school, our buddies meet us at lunch and eat with us before joining us for play. It is these informal moments that really make a difference to the children settling and, more importantly, being occupied during that longer period of lunch when I might not be around.
- ▶ As time goes on they will join us for some sessions in class on an afternoon: last year they helped the children with learning as 'mini mentors' (definitely NOT to allow me to have a break!)
- ▶ Perhaps the best moment of this Autumn Term is when we work together for our traditional Christmas Nativity, but more of that closer to the time.
- ▶ *Of course, buddies don't always have to be with us. We can request if we are wanting to eat lunch and play just with our friends. It's very flexible.

Extra Information

- ▶ All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ▶ Please bring a pair of named wellies in to school.
- ▶ Our PE day is currently a **FRIDAY**. Children are to arrive in school wearing their PE kits on this day.
- ▶ All Reception children should be collected from the top playground at 3:00pm unless they are attending after school club.
- ▶ You must inform the school if someone else is collecting your child.
- ▶ Please bring in a family picture so we can add it to our washing line.
- ▶ Don't forget to allow notifications on Seesaw!

Homework?

- ▶ Don't be silly! Well, at least not for now!
- ▶ But...ongoing 'home' work that can be consistently reinforced is counting up in 1s, for example when counting steps on the way home. Trying to count backwards (first from 5, then from 10, etc.) will also be helpful.
- ▶ As the year goes on the children will learn chants, rhymes and songs in class to help with all areas of learning that I might ask to be reinforced: a simple accompaniment to a brisk winter stroll on a Sunday perhaps!

Homework?

- ▶ Another skill that will be helpful is writing first names.

Next week a morning challenge will be to write names before moving onto other tasks.

- ▶ However, I must stress, at this early stage in their formal learning lives, the most important thing to focus on and rehearse is **READING**. On their own, with an audience, and whatever means necessary. Fostering a love of reading at this age is vital for development goals and learning.

Rewards...

- ▶ Star of the Day
- ▶ The gem jar
- ▶ Stickers
- ▶ Weekly 'Achievement Award' presented in the celebration assembly. We will start attending in October.

And finally...

- ▶ If ever you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, either via email or with an informal 'chat' on the playground. I will do my utmost to try and respond/solve a problem as soon as possible.
- ▶ Apologies in advance. Team Proctor is made up of 3 mini P's who all love sport. So Seesaw notifications may arrive a tad late in the evening on some days!

How to contact me

- ▶ recteach@weaverhamforest.cheshire.sch.uk
- ▶ All information can be accessed on the Reception website page
- ▶ [Weaverham Forest Primary School and Nursery - Reception Class](#)

Any Questions?

Reception at a Glance

- ▶ All information I have shared can be found in the Reception Class Information document that is available to download from the class page of our school website. These slides will also be available to view again on the website
- ▶ If you know someone who could not make this meeting, please direct them to the school website for more information.

Thank you for your time.