A Typical Day in Reception!

Children are greeted by a member of the EYFS Team on the gate, where they are encouraged to come into school independently. Children put away their own belongings in the correct places, before joining their friends and a member of staff on the carpet for a morning activity.





Throughout the morning, there are adult led inputs in phonics/early reading and maths. There is no set time for these as we are led by the needs of the children on the day.

Staff plan for a balance of adult directed, adult initiated and child initiated during Free Flow. Free Flow takes place all day long and is an opportunity for the children to explore and develop their interests, as well as practising the new skills they have learnt.





We have two snack times each day — one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Children bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for one snack and the other is provided. Children are encouraged to drink fresh water throughout the day and this freely accessible.

Children in Reception have their lunch in the hall — whether they have a packed lunch or a cooked dinner. Eligible children are offered a carton of milk at this time. We make our way to the hall at about 11.50am, before returning to the garden to play. Children are encouraged to use cutlery and open packets independently.





In the afternoons, we usually have an adult led input linked to a specific area of learning — Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. There is often a follow up activity where children will have the opportunity to practise new skills. Free Flow continues and children are encouraged to be outdoors. Adults will play alongside children, listen to children read and carry out 1:1 and small group work.

At home time, we often have a story or singing session. Children are then encouraged to collect all of their own belongings ready to take home. We talk about what we have enjoyed that day so that we are ready to share news with our families at home.

