

To learn, your child
needs to be in school
and on time.



Value your child's
education and enable
them to be
the best that they can be.

Welcome to Reception



Summer

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community.

Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally, socially, morally* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Values



Learning in Reception

What do I already know?

- I can talk about mine and others feelings.
- I can recognise the similarities and differences between places around the world.
- I know what happens to water when it is frozen.
- I can name and describe different people who help us.
- I can talk about floating and sinking.
- I can describe the lifecycle of a frog.
- I know how plants grow.

My Journey

- To know how to care for other living things.
- To recognise what other living things need from us.
- To recognise ways that we can care for the whole world.
- To understand what we can do to help the world.
- To compare different destinations.
- To recognise the lifecycle of a butterfly.
- To explore different textures.

We care for our amazing world!

Reception, Summer 2

Big Questions

- What will happen to the world if we do not care for it?
- Who will care for the animals if we do not?
- What would be in your world?

Religious Education

No place like home.
Water, water, everywhere.



Key Vocabulary

Grow, care, butterfly, chrysalis, caterpillar, lifecycle, grow, change, baby, develop, compare, form, city, texture, pattern, symmetrical, delicate, earth, environment, habitat, nature, care, love, affection, change, difference.

Focus Books



The Very Busy Spider



What the Ladybird heard



The Very Hungry Caterpillar



10 things I can do to help my world.



Aaarrgghh Spider!

honesty patience joy forgiveness tolerance thankfulness respect kindness friendship gentleness love hope

Learning in Reception

We are living in an amazing world!

What do I already know?

- I can talk about mine and others feelings.
- I can recognise the similarities and differences between places around the world.
- I explore water and ice.
- I can name and describe different people who help us.
- I know how to keep my body healthy.
- I know where vegetables come from.
- I can talk about a famous artist.

Reception, Summer 1

Big Questions

What lives in a pond?

What do plants need to grow?

Can all animals be pets?

Religious Education

Who was a friend of God?

What is special about God's wonderful world?



My Journey

- To explore floating and sinking.
- To know that London is our capital city.
- To recognise how Frankley is different to London.
- To paint a landscape.
- To recognise the different animals that live in a pond.
- To describe the lifecycle of a frog.
- To understand how plants grow.

Key Vocabulary

Grow, care, frog, tadpole, lifecycle, grow, change, baby, develop, aquatic, spawn, habitat, land, landmarks, London, Queen, Big Ben, city, capital, city, countryside, bus, taxi, sink, float, bottom, top, heavy, light, God, world, faith.

Focus Books

The Naughty Bus



Bog Baby



Tad



My world, your world.



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Reminders

Start and End of day

	Arrival time	Collection time
Nursery	9:00	3:00
Reception	8:50-9.00	3:10
Year One and Year Two	8:50-9.00	3:10

At the start of the day, children are to arrive at their classroom door by 9.00am where they will be greeted by their classroom teacher.

On arrival, the children will be offered a piece of fruit as a light snack before learning commences.

At the end of the day, doors will open at 3.10pm for you to collect your child from their classroom.

Please stand well clear of the exit doors and wait for your child to come out to you.

If children arrive, or are collected late, parents must report to the school office.

Contact with Staff

During drop offs and collections, it will not be possible to talk at length to your child's teacher on the door as this time can be very busy.

If you need to speak to an adult in school, please do so via telephone: 0121 675 8700 or you can email your child's class teacher directly.

Miss Sharif, Cedar Class: cedar@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

Miss Winfield, Willow Class: willow@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

If you need to speak to the office staff, we will operate a one-in-one-out system in the office reception area at the front of school.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Holly Hill and we want to help create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can:

- Promote better health and wellbeing.
- Help build social connections and relationships with others.
- Help children access other areas in their learning.
- Create more possibilities for future lives and achievements.

*Reading **every day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read well. Please ensure that you spend a few minutes each day listening to your child and helping them to read. Asking questions and discussing images and what has been read can be extremely beneficial in the progression of your child's reading.*



All children should have a book bag. Please make sure that your child's **book and book bag is in school everyday.**

Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Life in Reception...

The Reception Team

- Miss Parsonage—EYFS Leader
- Miss Winfield—Willow Class Teacher
- Mrs Hood—Willow Class Teaching Assistant
- Miss Sharif—Cedar Class Teacher
- Mrs Andrews—Cedar Class Teaching Assistant

PE

is on Wednesdays

Please ensure that children have their full PE kit in school. As the weather gets cooler, you may want to send joggers and a sweatshirt for your child to wear during outdoor PE lessons.

Homework

In addition to **daily** reading, your child will be given a set of sounds and words to learn. Regular practice will give your child the best start in their reading journey so please take a few minutes each day to help them with this.