



Welcome to

Down Ampney Primary School



Aims

- To help your child make the best possible start to school.
- To help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in Reception.
- To understand how we teach your child in order to cover the requirements of the curriculum.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.
- Housekeeping information.

Class 1 staff

Miss Homan-Green – Class Teacher



Mrs Gray – Headteacher and SENCO and cover



Mrs Walters – morning Teaching Assistant and PPA cover



Mrs Wheeler – morning Teaching Assistant



Mrs Paterson – afternoon Teaching Assistant



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Reception year**.

It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.

Three prime areas of learning and development

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

Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



The 3 characteristics of effective learning

(How young children learn)

These are taken into account when we plan and guide children's activities.

1 Playing and exploring

2 Active learning

3 Creating and thinking critically

A typical morning in Class One...

- 8.30am Come in, hang coat up and do some morning activities
- 8.45am Register
- 8.50am Phonics and circle time
- 9.20am Independent learning and adult focused tasks *(inside and outside)*
- 10.30am Break time
- 10.45am Independent learning and adult focused tasks *(inside and outside)*
- 12pm Lunchtime

A typical afternoon in Class One...



▷ 1pm Register and class story

▷ 1.30pm Shared learning (ks1 topics)

▷ 3pm Worship

▷ 3.15pm Home time

▷ Reception Learning is not always clean! Please be understanding!

What current children want you to know

- ▶ We all go swimming on a Friday and it's really fun
- ▶ We have to make sure we drinks lots of water
- ▶ We need to be kind and respectful
- ▶ We need to make sure we bring in a hat and suncream in Summer and coats in Winter
- ▶ We care about everyone in the school and they care about us
- ▶ We share
- ▶ We have an amazing outdoor area
- ▶ We read with our teachers

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children **already know and can do** and use this information to help us develop an individual learning programme for each child.

We spend lots of our time working and talking to the children about what they are learning. We may record some 'Wow' moments on padlet but largely we assess and move children on 'in the moment' and so not everything gets recorded.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and their progress so far at the parents evening.

The first couple of weeks

School starts on Monday 2nd September

- Your children will stay until lunch time and be collected at 12pm.

Tuesday 3rd September

- The children will stay for lunch and be collected at 1pm.

Wednesday 4th September

- All children begin school full time. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Medical Matters



- Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48 hours absence.
- Any absence requires an email or telephone call to Mrs Woodruffe explaining the reason.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement.



NO NUTS

Or products containing nuts to be brought
into school.

No peanut butter, cereal bars with peanuts,
chocolate with peanuts etc

Attendance



- Please ensure your child is in school on time.
- School opens at 8:30am and registration is at 8:45am.
- It is important your child is in school every day.
- If your child has any appointments, please email Mrs Woodruffe and Mrs Gray.

Uniform

- Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan (preferably with School Logo on)
- White shirt
- Grey or Black Trousers
- Black or Grey Skirt
- Green & White Stripe Dress (Summer Term Only)
- Black or Grey Tights (no leggings) or White/Black/Grey Sock
- Book Bag with School Logo
- Sensible, comfortable outdoor shoes in black

Please name all items of clothing and uniform

PE kit

- ▶ Black shorts/ joggers, green Down Ampney t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.
- ▶ Swimming kit – swimsuit or shorts, towel, goggles if required.
- ▶ Children can wear their PE kit to school on PE day.

What does my child need at school?

- ▶ Waterproof Coat
- ▶ Wellies – these can stay in school
- ▶ Book bag - please bring everyday so letters, library and reading books can be transported safely
- ▶ Water bottle - We can fill it at school

Finally...

- ▶ If you have any worries or concerns please do ask or email and we will do our best to help you 😊
- ▶ Please make sure you fill out all relevant forms before September