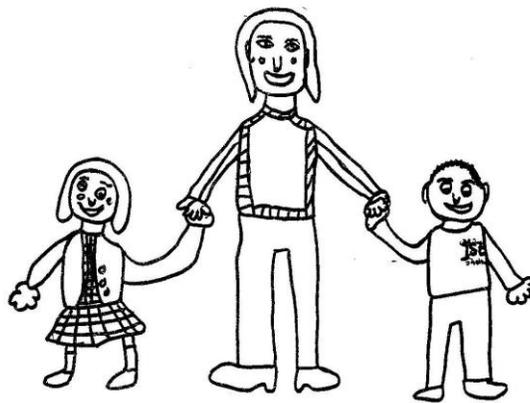


Welcome to



Foundation Stage 2 Booklet September 2016



This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about the different things that happen at the academy. We hope you enjoy looking through it and sharing it with your family. We hope you are looking forward to starting in your new class in September.

Information.

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Important Dates

You will be starting school at the same time as everybody else; your first day at school will be Monday 5th September 2016. You will need to be at school for 8:45am. You will stay at school for the whole day you will then be collected from the entrance in the large playground at 3:15pm by your grown-up.

This is where you will be collected at the end of each day.

You are Special

You will take it in turns with your friends to be classroom helpers. Each week we will choose a child to

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receive a special certificate in our achievement assembly on Friday. Your family will be invited to come to this Assembly.

The adults in your class will watch for you doing good things all the time. Each time we see these you will get a Dojo point. Your adults can track your Dojo points if they download a special app on their phone. When you reach 20 points you will receive a special Dojo prize or treat!

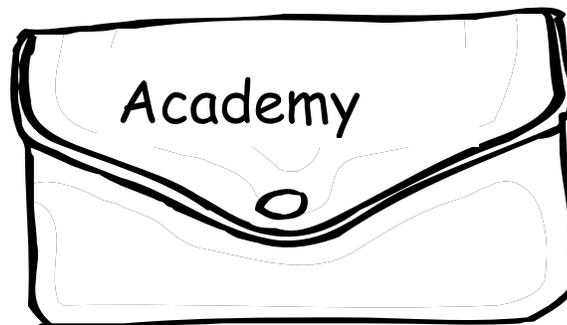


Your Things

You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. You can hang your coat here.

In the classroom you will have a drawer/tray with your name on it. You can keep your things in this and any special work that you want to take home.

Letters for home will go in your book bag with your reading book and any other special work to practice at home.



Uniform.

At Highfields Primary Academy we have a very special uniform. Throughout the academy we believe it is very important that children **ALWAYS** have the correct uniform. This means all navy blue sweatshirts must have Highfields Academy logo on, you can order these from the receptionist, and the polo shirts need to be white or jade green. Trousers, skirts and pinafore dresses must be in black. You must have black pumps and wear these all the

time when you're inside. You will also need some sensible outdoor shoes such as boots, wellies or shoes which are fastened to your foot. As we do lots of climbing, running and moving around in class, it is important for your safety that you do not wear sandals or open toed shoes. It is essential that you remember to wear the right uniform everyday. Wearing the same clothes as everyone in your class will give you a great sense of community and make you feel a real part of Highfields Primary Academy.

ASK A GROWN UP TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON ALL YOUR CLOTHES as sometimes you might forget which jumper is yours or they could get mixed up when you get changed for P.E.

Arriving in the morning

When you come to the academy you will wait on the playground with your grown-up. The doors will open at 8:45am and you will come into your Class. For the first 15 minutes you will do special morning activities. The bell will go at 8:50am and all parents/carers will leave. We will then start registration and wake up shake up.



Morning Snack

During the morning you will be able to have milk and a snack. This will be an opportunity for you to sit and talk to your friends or adults and share what you have been up to.

Assemblies

You will attend a special attendance assembly on a Friday where children who have come to school all week will be in the draw to receive a special prize at the end of each half term. The class in school with the best attendance will also win a trophy for the week.

Friday morning assemblies also celebrate special achievements, where hard work is celebrated. If you have been working hard, you will receive a certificate.

Lunch Time

When you stay at school for your lunch, you will be given your preselected lunch at the counter. Wrist bands indicate which option you have chosen. Dinners are ordered 3 weeks in advance, menus will be sent home for parents to select their child's preference. If menus are not returned children will be ordered a hot meal.

Packed Lunch

If you decide that you would like a packed lunch instead of a school meal then there should be no sweets, cans or glass bottles in your lunch box. Packed lunches should be stored on the shelves outside your classroom on the trolley.



What will you do at the academy?

In Foundation Stage 2 we continue to learn through play. In the first few weeks of being in reception you will take part in a number of activities where your teacher and adult will support you. Throughout the year you will take part in a variety of activities, these may be large, whole class activities, small group activities working on your own or on 1-1 with an adult.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is split into 7 areas; all the 7 areas are important and help to build the foundations of your learning. There are the prime areas these are: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. There are then four specific areas these are: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Reading

We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and are getting to know lots of rhymes.

At the academy you hear stories every day. The book corner in your classroom is a special place to sit while you are looking at and reading books. There are books about everything- dinosaurs, pirates and trains, fairytales and puppy dogs and lots more besides.



Phonics

At school we use Letters and Sounds to help you to learn your letter sounds and names. As you learn the sounds in the academy you will take these home to practise with a grown-up.

When you come to the academy you will begin to learn to read. You will read big books with your teacher and after a while you will take a book home. At first you will start with a picture book. This will have no words in but is for you to look at the pictures and talk about what is happening in the book. Look at the different characters, what is happening on each page and talk to your grown-up about this. You will be able to turn the pages and point to the words as you read them.

At first you will remember the stories just by looking at the pictures. With lots of practice you will begin to use your phonics to help you sound out and blend the sounds in the words.

You will have a reading record book to keep in your book bag. Your grown-up can write down when you read to them and how you got on. It is very important that you read at home. If you read at home with an adult 5 times or more in a week, and remember to bring your book each day, you will receive a special treat and certificate on a Friday.

Writing

Writing is FUN! At the academy you will learn how to form your letters correctly and also how to write sentences.

It would be great if you could write your own name when you start just using a capital letter at the start of it. Don't worry if you can't; you will soon learn at school.

william

Ben

Chloë
Joshua

We write while we play all the time; in the role play, outside and on the writing table.

Only use a capital letter at the start of your first and second names please.

When you have been at the academy a while you will begin to know, recognise and write the sounds you hear in words. Then you will quickly begin to write sentences too!

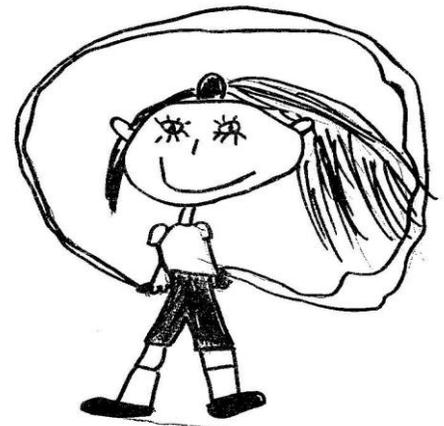
Mathematics

Before you come to the academy you can do lots of things at home with your family that will help you with your maths:

- sort blocks by colour and size
- learn number songs such as "Five currant buns"
- play lots of games where you have to throw a dice and move along a board
- cooking - talk about which things are heavy and light, how much you need and counting and sharing
- talking about your family who is the youngest, oldest, tallest or shortest
- talk about time using words such as morning, night, yesterday, tomorrow and next week
- at bath time look at which things float or sink; is the bath full or empty?
- at meal times you can lay the table and make sure you have enough knives and forks.
- when you go shopping you can look at the numbers and look at coins. You can look at the shape, size and colour of the boxes.

PE

At the academy you will do PE. You will need a PE kit - navy shorts and white t-shirt.



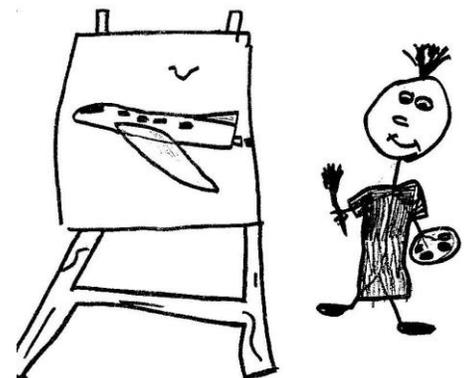
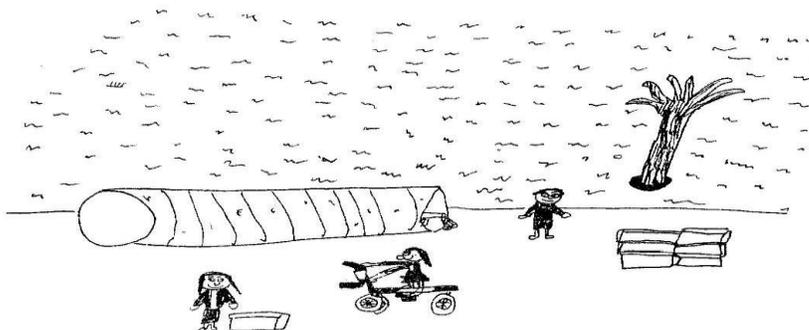
PE can be dancing to music, simple gymnastics using climbing equipment and games with hoops, ropes and balls.

When you get changed for PE you should be able to take off and put on most of your clothes by yourself. Your teacher will help you with things you find hard. Do practice getting changed at home.

Activity Time

At the academy there are lots of things for you to play with. Here are some of the things you will find:

- a play house outside, which can also be changed into a hospital, a shop or police station.
- dressing up clothes so that you can be a doctor, a princess, a policeman or policewoman or a fire-fighter.
- puppets
- construction kits to make large models using nuts and bolts
- large and small building blocks and lots of other things to make models
- small world play that could be a farm and lots of animals, dolls house, space station, jungle
- games and jigsaws
- play dough and clay
- sand and water tray
- Netbooks, I Pads and programmable toys
- trikes , scooters , tunnels and monkey bars
- digging area and vegetable patch.
- You can paint, stick, make models, and use clay



Weather.

In reception you will be able to access the fantastic outside area we have. You can go outside in all different types of weather and with this in mind it is very important for you to have warm, waterproof clothes for the winter; hats, scarves, gloves and also wellington boots for digging and when it is raining. When the weather gets warmer you will need a sun hat, if it is really hot please ask your grown-up to put sun protection lotion on you before you come to school.

Please make sure you bring a water bottle everyday and only have water in it.

Home Time

You go home at 3.15pm, the door opens to you 5 minutes before the rest of the school so that you and your teacher can see your adult easily to keep you safe. Your Mum, Dad or someone you know should wait for you in the big playground. Your teacher will bring you to the entrance and make sure they see your grown-up before you can go. If someone else is picking you up that day, you **MUST** make sure your grown-up tells your teacher that morning or rings the academy to let them know; otherwise you won't be allowed to leave with them.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

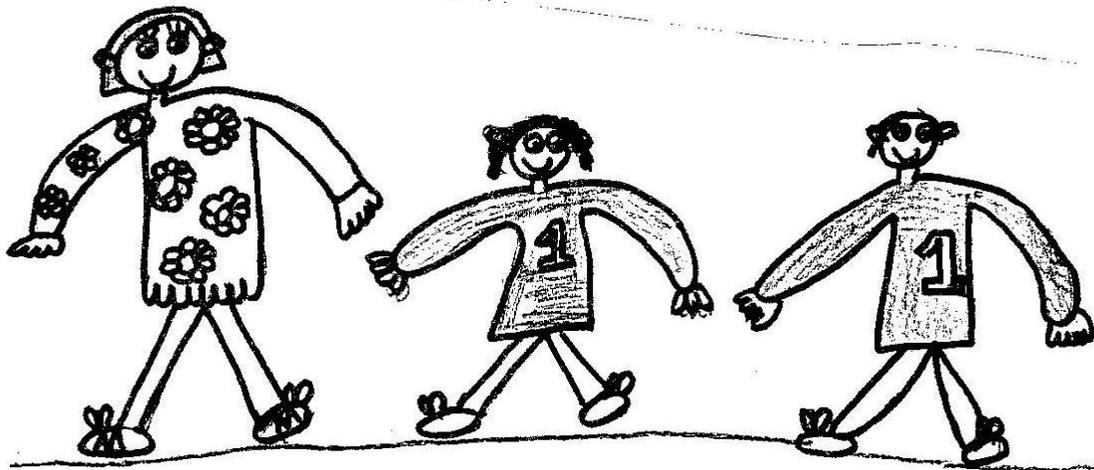
When you have been at the academy for a while, your teacher will invite your grown-ups into the academy to talk about how you are settling in. We will talk about all the different things you can do, all these things make up your "Early Years Foundation Stage Profile".

Each term your grown-up will be invited to a Parents' Evening. They will be able to talk to your teacher about the progress you have made

since the "Profile" meeting. They may be asked to help by doing special things at home with you.



We will take lots of photographs of you and write about all the great things you do. These will go in your very special Learning Journey. We hope you will bring in some things from home to share the learning you do at home. We will put this in your Learning Journey too!



I hope this booklet has been useful and you have enjoyed reading all about what we will be doing. If you or your grown up have any questions or would like any more information please ask Mrs Grace or Ms Shields in the class who are always available to talk to after school or on appointment basis. We really look forward to meeting you and starting your special learning journey in your new class.