



Welcome to River Bank Primary School



Early Years Foundation Stage 2023-2024



Bumblebee Class Teacher

EYFS Leader

Reception Teachers



Mr Seeley Ladybird Class Teacher



Mrs Shiels Butterfly Class Teacher



Mrs Ahir Part-Time Class Teacher

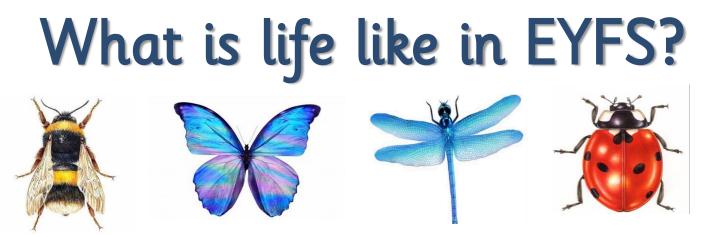


Miss Hamilton Dragonfly Class Teacher



We also have a number of staff who can support your child and family during their time at River Bank Primary:

Nurture TeamFamily TeamSenior Leadership TeamInclusion ManagerOffice Staff



A transition visit for you and your child to see our provision, and meet their teachers and new friends will be in your pack.

Please let us know whether you are or are unable to attend. <u>We request that no siblings attend the session.</u>

We will be asking current establishments for any assessment information to give to our staff for September.

Key Dates for Parents Date and Times	Event	Details
Monday 4 th September	No school	Staff training day
Tuesday 5 th , Wednesday 6 th , Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th September	8:30am-11:30am Mornings only in school	Your child will start school and you will need to drop them at the door and the staff will help them put their belongings away.
Monday 11 th , Tuesday 12th	8:30am – 11:30am Mornings only in school	Mornings only
Wednesday 13 th September	8:30am – 12:45pm	Your child will stay at school for lunch
Thursday 14 th September	8:30am – 15:15pm	Full day
Friday 15 th September	8:30am – 12:45pm*	Full day
Monday 18 th September onwards	Your child will be full time Mondays – Thursdays 8:30am – 15:15pm Friday 8:30am – 12:45pm*	

Our School Day

- Topic learning
- Physical Literacy (imoves)
- Mathematics (NCTEM)
- Rhyme of the week
- Phonics: Read Write Inc
- Choosing (play-based learning)
- Lunch (11:30 12:45)
- Mathematics (WRM)
- 1:1 reading
- Choosing (play-based learning)
- Squiggle me into a writer
- Colourful Semantics
- Story time

Weekly sessions:

- Physical Education (PE)
- Music
- Handwriting
- Helicopter stories
- Celebration Assembly



Changes to EYFS from 2021

The aim of the changes is to improve learning for all children and better prepare them for starting their educational journey. Not all parts of the EYFS have changed, some elements have remained the same or similar.

Some key changes to note:

- 1. Less formal written recordings of observations by staff.
- Staff know the abilities and skills of each child, and know how to support them to develop.
- 2. Greater emphasis on the importance of developing communication and language skills.
- Children should be supported and encouraged to have more conversations with adults, but also children and their peers.
- 3. Greater focus on how reading stories is important to help children develop in all of Areas of Learning.
- Daily reading of stories encourages enjoyment of reading from a young age.
- 4. There is a focus on encouraging healthy choices and an understanding of oral health.
- Schools are required to teach children the importance of brushing teeth.





The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a short assessment, taken in the first six weeks when a child starts reception.

The purpose of the reception baseline assessment is to provide an on-entry assessment of pupil attainment to be used as a starting point from which a cohortlevel progress measure to the end of key stage 2 (KS2) can be created. (DfE February 20')

We also have our own on-entry assessment which gives us an indication of children's strengths and starting points at that moment in time. These informal assessments will also tell us about children's passions and interests.

Learning Through Play

In EYFS, children access independent learning through play alongside taught discrete lessons.

















Prime learning areas

 Personal, Social

 and Emotional

 Development

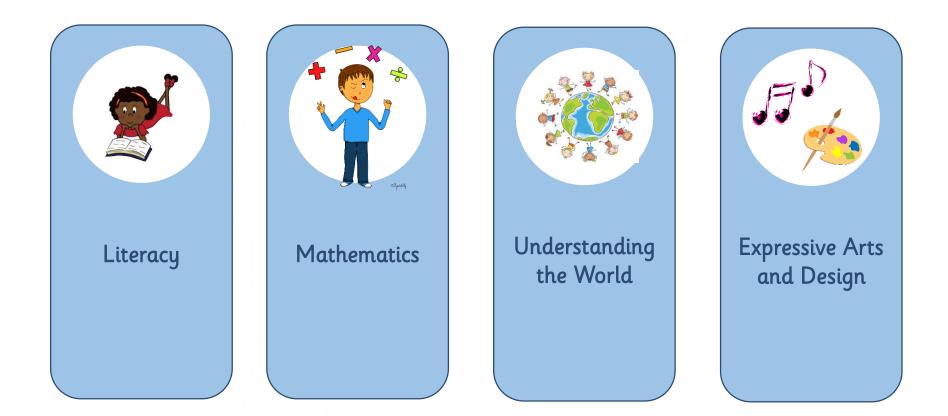


Communication and Language

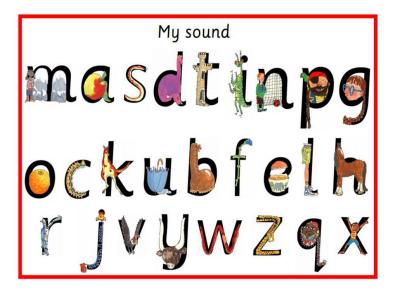


Physical Development

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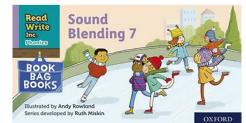
Read Write Inc



Children receive daily phonics lessons. They learn letter sounds along with a phrase to support letter formations.

These are the sounds children use to learn how to read and write.

There will be a phonics meeting for parents and carers in the new academic year to support your child at home.





Individual Academic Diary

Children will receive a school book <u>each week</u> that matches their phonic knowledge. Your child will be read at least once a week by a member of our school staff.

	Reading Record	Initials	
615	Book	23	My Reading Reward Chart
7.5	Page and Comments:		W 2 2 2 4 5
River Bank	Book:		Receive a sticker each time you read. Earn 5 stickers and get a prize
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The expectation is that children will read their allocated book each day with an adult and this will be signed on each occasion.

Lunch and Snack

School dinners are free to the children until Year 2. You can make choices online for your child the day before.



You may choose to provide a packed lunch.

Menus

Please click the buttons below to view the current Spring term menus and Click the SCOPAY logo to order,

Week One Menu dates (W/C): 20/2, 13/3, 17/4, 8/5, 5/6, 26/6, 17/7



WEEK TWO MENU

Week Two Menu dates (W/C): 27/2, 20/3, 24/4, 15/5, 12/6, 3/7

Week Three Menu dates (W/C): 6/3, 27/3, 1/5, 22/5, 19/6, 10/7

WEEK THREE MENU



Online Meal Ordering Service

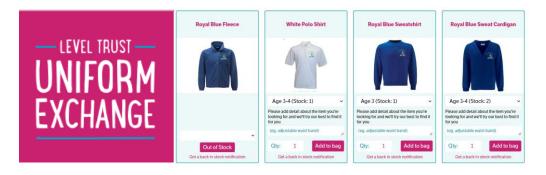
We ask all of our parents to register with our online meal ordering service. Once you have received your welcome email from the school, please go to SCOPAY and select 'Register as a new User' using the Link Code provided in your welcome email.

CREATE ACCOUNT HERE

Snack is available throughout the day for your child. Please provide a <u>named</u> reusable water bottle.

School Uniform

Children must wear the full uniform <u>every day</u>. This can be purchased from Ricky's Fashion, My Uniform Shop or Prestige Design.



Our children wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. This will be a Friday but is subject to change. All items must be clearly labelled, including PE shoes and jumpers.





Summer Holiday Challenge

Our first topic in September is 'I am AMAZING'. Can you create a box filled with objects, toys or pictures that tell us all about your family and favourite things? Please decorate the outside of your box however you like!



Please complete this together as a family. It will be a great activity to talk to your child about start school. It will also be something they can share with their new friends in September. Please make sure that the box is no bigger than a shoe box.

Partnerships

Everyone at River Bank Primary has your child's best interests at heart and we know that children flourish when all parties work in partnership to promote personal development and a love of learning.

Our staff and external agencies want each child to be safe, happy and fulfil their potential and we can achieve this by maintaining a good line of communication. As a parent, you know your child best and sharing what you know can make a great impact on how they embrace school life.

By working together with health visitors, specialised practitioners and agencies who can use their expert knowledge of children's development, we can identify strategies to support children.

Where necessary and with parental permission, we will seek advice from these professionals to help identify whether a child has additional needs in relation to their mental / physical health and / or learning and development.

What to do if you are concerned

If your child is finding things challenging, we can offer support and advice to meet their needs in and outside of school.

- Always raise any queries or concerns with your child's class teacher and a meeting will be readily available at your request.
- If appropriate, the class teacher may request that a meeting is held with our SENCo and/or Family Team present.
- Any actions will always be decided upon with parent/carer input.

3 & 4-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning?

Communication & Language

- Have conversations with me about things that I am interested in.
 Encourage me to keep talking by nodding, smiling and making comments.
- Introduce new words when we are playing, eating or when we are out and about. Explain what new words mean to me.
- Talk to me about things that have already happened and what might happen soon.
- Play listening games with me such as 'Simon Says'.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Give me tasks to carry out, e.g. washing my plate after snack.
 - Model how you manage your own feelings, e.g. "I'm feeling a bit angry so I am going to take a deep breath." Help me to understand why I am feeling sad or frustrated.



Physical Development

- Help me with dressing but let me do the last steps, e.g. pulling up my zip after you have started it off.
 - Give me lots of opportunities to be active and practise running, jumping, balancing, climbing and swinging.
- Encourage me to walk, scoot or bike to my nursery or childminder.

3 & 4-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning?

Mathematics

- Point out the number of things rather than just the names, e.g. "We have two apples!"
- Give me lots of opportunities to count for a real reason and always emphasise the last number – "There are 3 cookies."
- Cut out a large shape from a cereal box (circle, triangle), then cut that shape into 2-4 smaller pieces to make a simple puzzle.
- When we're at the park, use words like 'up', 'under', and 'between' to talk about what we see.
- Make playdough with me.

Literacy

- Talk about stories with me, what is happening in the pictures? Give me time to think and share my ideas.
- Play around with words. Make up fun rhyming sentences with me.
- Let me help you write birthday cards and shopping lists.

Understanding the World

- Help me make collections of interesting natural materials, e.g. pebbles, shells.
- Let me explore ice, once it has melted a bit (so I don't get frostbite)
- Plant seeds and bulbs with me.
- Take me to different places such as the library.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Make <u>home-made paintbrushes</u> using clothes pegs and items from around the house and outdoors.
- Join in pretend play with me.
- Give me a cardboard box and some fabric to build a den with.



4 & 5-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning

Communication & Language

- Play games with me where I have to listen to your instructions such as a treasure hunt.
- Share a wide range of books and stories with me, including non-fiction and poetry.
- Talk out aloud, commenting on your actions and mine. This helps me hear clear, wellformed sentences.
- Encourage me to have lots of back and forth conversations with other children and adults.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Listen carefully to me. Encourage me to express my feelings using words.
 Help me solve problems by talking them
 - through with me. This will help me keep going even when I find it really hard.



Physical Development

- Give me time and space to be highly active and get out of breath every day.
- Encourage me to crawl on all fours, climb, pull myself up on a rope and hang on monkey bars. These activities will help me develop the strength I need for writing.
 - Let me use one-handed tools like peelers and knives.

4 & 5-year-olds: how you can help me with my learning

Mathematics

- <u>Name small groups of things, this helps me to 'subitise'</u> (instantly seeing how many without counting) e.g. "There are 3 slices of pizza left."
- Ask me to count out a number of things from a group, e.g. "Could you get me 6 eggs?"
- Make number snap or bingo with numerals and pictures. Match the numerals with the right amount.
- Make patterns with objects, e.g. buttons or shells. Such as 'big, small, big...' Make a mistake and talk with me about how to fix it.

Understanding the World

- Share photos and tell stories about my family, both past and present.
- Take me to places of worship and places of local importance in my community.
- Let me help you cook. Talk about changes such as 'melting' or 'boiling'

Literacy

- Keep reading with me everyday. Share books that let me see people of different races, cultures, gender and religion.
- Play games where you give me an instruction like "Can you h-o-p?" I have to put the sounds of the word together.
- Let me make up stories you could write them down for me and we could act them out.
- Make a photo book of our family or when we went to the park and let me write my own words in it.



Expressive Arts & Design

Sing and dance with me when we hear our favourite songs. Encourage me to make up my own routine.
 Give me string, scissors, glue, sticky tape and boxes to make a model.

Here are some suggestions of activities for your child that will prepare them for school in September.



River Bank Primary School 2023/24

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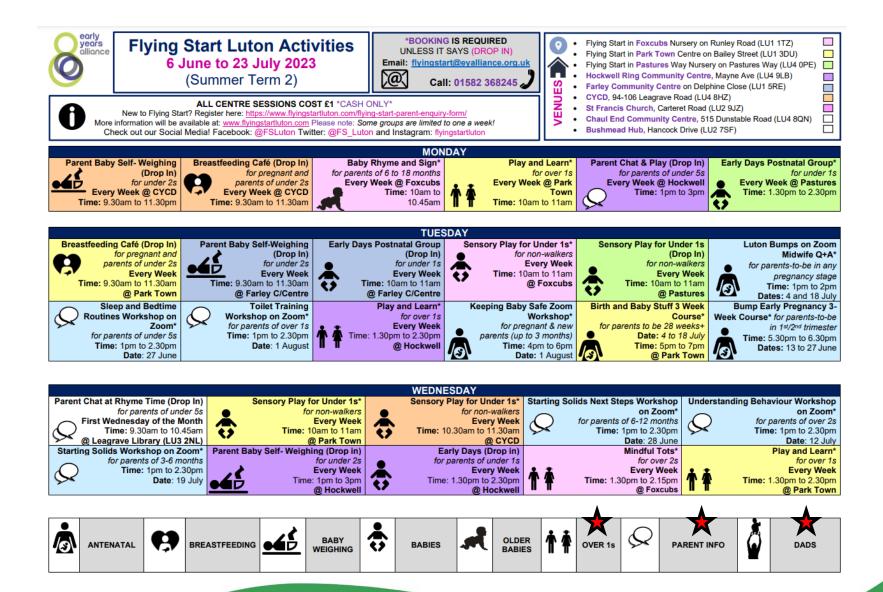
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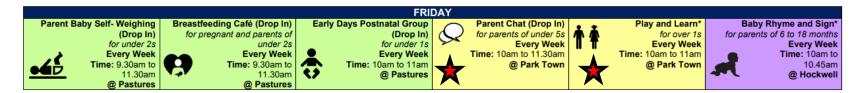
School Holidays



Staff training days (school closed to children)









SEE THE LATEST TIMETABLE ON OUR WEBSITE! PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:

Flying Start are also working with Nurseries in Luton to run Stay and Play Sessions. Separate timetable available on the same webpage: <u>https://www.flyingstartluton.com/whats-on-for-parents/flying-start-groups-services/</u> Other community groups can be found here: <u>https://www.flyingstartluton.com/whats-on-for-parents/local-groups-services/</u>

Notice: Some parenting workshops are available in video format on demand! e.g. Toileting, Childhood Illnesses, Oral Health and Sleep/Bedtime Routines

FREE ONLINE PARENTING COURSES! Visit <u>www.inourplace.co.uk</u> and use access code HATTERS to register for free

Healthy Start Vitamins (£2 Drops, £1 Tablets or Free with HS Card) *CASH ONLY* Available at our Park Town Centre, Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm (Term-time) ...and other venues shown on other page when sessions are running there.

You can apply for the Healthy Start Scheme to get them free at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

You can see other locations such as Active Luton centres to collect from (with card facilities) here: www.flyingstartluton.com/healthy-start/

Thank you for attending

Please let us know if you have any questions.