

Welcome to Coatham C.E. Primary School
Foundation Stage



Meet the staff:

Nursery

Mrs Sue Greer - Morning Nursery Teacher (Key Person)
Mrs Christine Harrison - Afternoon Nursery Teacher (Key Person)
Mrs Rael Nixon - Nursery Teaching Assistant
Miss Jayne Sutherland - Nursery Support

Reception

Mrs Sarah Clayton - Reception Teacher (Key Person)
Miss Elizabeth Hails - Reception Teaching Assistant

Mrs Sue Greer - Foundation Stage Leader

How to Contact Us

At Coatham we have a flexible start to the day. We open the doors for Nursery and Reception at 8.40am on a morning and 12.30 pm on an afternoon. Parents are encouraged to stay and work alongside their child on a range of fine motor activities. Staff are available throughout the session if you wish to speak to them.

You are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher if you would like a more in depth conversation.

If you need to contact the school in an emergency then please telephone the school office on 01642486291.

What will your child do in our Foundation Stage?

At Coatham we use the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework to support us in our work in both the Nursery and Reception. The framework sets out the legal requirements that we must follow to keep your child safe and promote their welfare. It also sets out the seven areas of learning and development around which we plan our activities to support the learning and development of your child, activities are planned for indoors and outdoors. It also supports us with our assessment. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring knowledge and demonstrating understanding through the seven areas. There are three Prime areas which the children develop first: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

As your child achieves these it will help them to develop skills in the Specific areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Food and Drink

All children in our Foundation Stage are provided with fruit each day.

Nursery and Reception children under 5 are encouraged to have a drink of milk daily. Water is available also.

Reception children are asked to provide their own water bottle as do the rest of school.

In Nursery and Reception children enjoy baking, cooking and eating what they have made so please inform staff of any allergies etc.

Sometimes children will take part in other food tasting activities as part of the curriculum. As far as possible all of our snacks will be healthy to work alongside our tooth brushing scheme.

A Day in Nursery



There is a general pattern to the day in morning Nursery although we do try to be flexible to respond to the needs and interests of the children. Afternoon Nursery has less structure.

- Welcome, self-registration and fine motor activities (parents welcome)
- Squiggle While you Wiggle
- Story time
- Group Activities
- Area Time - Indoor/Outdoor
- Tidy
- Speaking & Listening Groups
- Snack time
- Home time!

A Day in Reception



A typical day in Reception at the beginning of the year:

- Welcome, self-registration and fine motor activities (parents welcome)
- Phonics
- Dough Disco
- Literacy
- Playtime
- Snack/story
- Busy Bee Area Time (indoor/outdoor)
- Lunch
- Reading Activities
- Maths
- Busy Bee Activities (indoor/outdoor)
- Classroom activities/reflection
- Home time!

Session Times and End of Day Procedures

Nursery am: 8.40 - 11.40am This session is for the older children.

Nursery pm: 12.30 - 3.30pm This session is for the younger children.

At the end of Nursery children will be handed to you at the Nursery door. If we are advised of any changes to the normal nominated pick up people, staff will record this on the board located on the Nursery door.

If no one arrives to collect your child, then Nursery staff will phone you to try and establish the reason. Your child will remain in Nursery or go with a member of staff to the main office. If we are unable to contact you we will then use the information you provided on the Contact form to contact an appropriate person to collect your child. Your child will not be allowed to leave school unless collected by a person you have nominated. If you know you are going to be late then please advise school.

Reception: 8.40am - 3.10pm

If your child is in Reception then you are asked to wait in the playground and we will allow your child to come to you. If your child is not collected we will follow the same procedures as the rest of school. Children will be taken to a room and accompanied by a member of staff for 15 mins. School will then contact you as above.



Story time outside



Music with Mrs Mounsey



Parents enjoying Squares while you Wiggle



Being creative



Learning to wash our hands with the Nurse

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Stay and Play Toddler Group



Our toddler group is run by our Reception teaching assistant Miss Hails.
All children aged 2-3 years are welcome.

The group is a great chance to meet other parents and children and to work alongside your child in the school setting. There is a different theme each week based around stories and rhymes and varied activities are on offer for the children.

The aim of the group is to improve communication and language skills and allows children to develop their ability to take turns and share with each other increasing their independence before starting Nursery.

The group takes place in the Kitchen area on a Tuesday afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm term time only.

We look forward to seeing you there!!