



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON • HERTFORDSHIRE

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Welcome to the Reception Year 2023/24

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Meet the Team...



Miss Cottle
Red Robins



Mrs Buckingham
Little Tigers

Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning:



At the heart of all practise within the Early Years is a focus on developing each child's skills as learners.

- **Playing and exploring:** Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- **Active learning:** Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- **Creating and thinking critically:** Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things



Areas of Learning:

There are 7 areas. All areas are connected to one another and are important.

PRIME:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

SPECIFIC:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



Our daily routine:

- Morning activities
- Adult led activity
- Continuous provision:
Child-led learning
- Phonics

LUNCHTIME

- Dough disco
- Maths
- Continuous provision:
Child-led learning
- Story





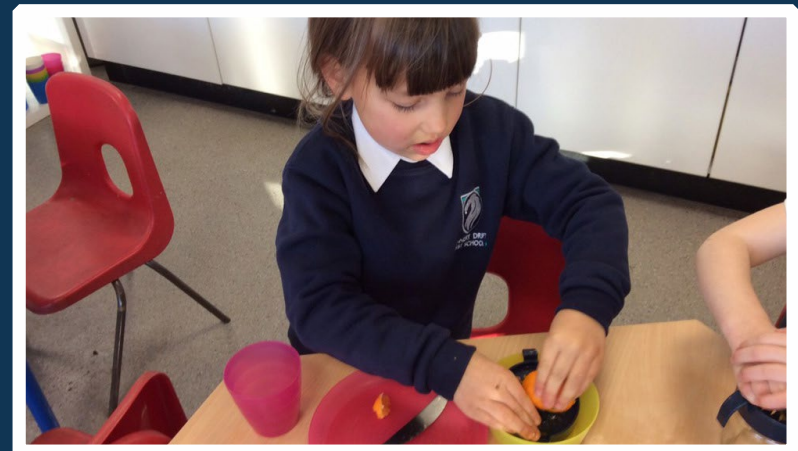
Maximising your child's potential:

- Being on time for school every day
- Regular attendance, avoiding term time holiday
- Establishing good routines at home
- Showing a positive interest in your child's learning
- Encouraging your child to take risks and experience failure so they develop perseverance and resilience
- Encouraging your child to develop their independence and be there to praise their efforts
- Engage in school life with your child

Rolling snack:

- Children are offered a healthy snack in school which is available throughout the morning and afternoon
- They build up food preparation skills by cutting and spreading as well as lots of talk around healthy eating
- We provide seasonal activities such as making pancakes

Please regularly update us with changes to your child's allergies.





Dates for your diary:

Story + Play Sessions:

Tuesday 13th June

Thursday 15th June

Wednesday 21st June

at 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Moving Up Day:

Thursday 13th July

at 9.30am - 11.30am

(more information to follow)



September:

- ‘First Days’
staggered start to the term
- Sign up for
 - Parentmail
 - School Gateway
 - Tapestry





The first few weeks:

- Exploring their new environment and finding out what they can do in our indoor and outdoor classrooms
- Getting to know the adults and making new friends
- A time for staff to assess children's starting points and plan for their needs and interests

Coming to School:

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!



- Wearing school uniform with indoor shoes to change into
- Named school water bottle
- Tannery Drift book bag
- Spare clothes in a bag that can be left at school in case of accidents
- Named wellies and a mud suit that can be left at school for outdoor learning



Sharing learning with parents:

- Parent information session in October
- Tapestry and observations
- Termly parent consultations
- Open classroom sessions
- Staff available to talk at the end of the school day

Tapestry:



- An online learning journal system
- Staff record children's progress and activities using iPads
- Photos, videos and observations are uploaded onto an online app regularly
- Share your child's home learning and achievements



Medication in school:

MEDICATION:

- All medication must have a form completed at the office

ASTHMA:

- An inhaler in its original packaging will be kept in school

ANTIBIOTICS:

- Must be in original packaging

Awarded **Good**

by  **Ofsted**

“Tannery Drift School is a
learning community full of joy.

Pupils enjoy coming to school and take pride
in all they do. Adults have **high expectations** of what
pupils can do. Leaders make sure that pupils are at the
heart of all curriculum decisions. As a result,
everyone feels valued and cared for”

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