



Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School



Frequently asked questions

Who will be the full-time teacher?

Miss Eleanor Hodgkinson will teach Little Wrens and Robins in The Nest Monday to Friday.

Which other members of staff will work in Little Wrens/Robins?

Mrs Dakin will work alongside Miss Hodgkinson in The Nest on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As nursery grows staffing will be reviewed in line with ratios.

How are you going to ensure that the pre-schoolers don't impact the older children whilst learning?

The learning environment in The Nest is organised so there are quiet working spaces for Year 1 children to focus on tasks. These include the Blue Room adjacent to The Nest and a quiet space within the main classroom.

All children will learn our routines and expectations, including which adult to go to for support and when to stay away from the children in the focus tasks areas.

How will the needs of three year groups be catered for when the differential in age is significant?

For all children aged between 3 and 5, the EYFS curriculum is followed. Year 1 children are taught the Year 1 National Curriculum. Having two phases in one class is not unusual; for example in Starlings Class we teach both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 following the Year 2 and Year 3 curricula.

Who will look after reception and pre-school whilst Year 1 are having focussed learning time?

The timetable will be organised so all groups of children have focused learning time and more independent, self-initiated learning. Adults in class will be on timetable to lead teaching sessions, support group work or develop children's learning through play in our provision areas.

How will Year 1 learning be sustained and maintained with such a diverse age range?

We have an obligation to ensure all children in our care have access to the National Curriculum and make progress in their learning. Teaching time will be managed to ensure children receive the education they are entitled to.

How will you ensure that learning is age appropriate?

Our teachers follow the National Curriculum and EYFS statutory framework to ensure planned learning is age-appropriate. More than this, they develop a strong awareness of each child's needs and ensure next steps in learning are appropriate to their stage of development.

What staffing ratios will you have in place?

We will follow the EYFS statutory guidance and ensure a ratio of 1:13, with one qualified teacher and one Level 3 Teaching Assistant. As numbers increase, staffing will reflect this.

As we open nursery provision, our current numbers on roll for this class are 18 (10 Rec/8 Y1), leaving space for up to 8 nursery children. Our current ratio is 1:9.

Who is responsible for safeguarding?

Every member of school staff is responsible for safeguarding the children in our care through following our Child Protection policy and procedures. Miss Westwell, our Acting Assistant Headteacher, and Mr Scott are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and have responsibility for

ensuring the risk assessments and safeguarding practices within EYFS are fully compliant. Additionally, the Executive Head is the Designated Safeguarding Lead across the Federation and can be contacted should you have any safeguarding concerns at safeguarding@ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk .

What will children learn?

The children will follow our themes for the coming year, which can be read on our website [here](#), with Year 1 aligned with the National Curriculum and Reception/Nursery working towards the Early Learning Goals.

All children will have a daily maths 'Mastering Number' session and a 'Little Wandle' phonics lesson focused on developing key early reading skills.

Learning will be enhanced through indoor and outdoor areas of provision that link to the prime and specific areas of learning, explained in more detail [here](#).

What will children need to bring with them to school?

Nursery children will need to bring a small bag containing a spare change of clothes (in case of accidents), a named water bottle and a small comfort item if this will help with transition. Toys from home are not encouraged as they are easily lost or broken and lead to unhappiness. If your child is still in nappies or pull ups, a daily supply of nappies/wipes/nappy bags will be needed, too.

If your child requires medication, a separate medical information form will be required. We can only administer prescribed medication in school.

How will the day be organised?

The children will be welcomed into class at 8.45am and will have time to hang up their coats and bags and self-register prior to starting the day. The first formal learning session for Year 1 will begin at 9am. A draft timetable detailing breaks and learning times will be shared.

Will nursery children wear uniform?

Nursery children do not need to wear uniform. Clothing that is easy for them to manage independently will be preferred. Wellies and suitable coats will be required for outdoor learning time. Please name everything!

Where will children have their outdoor breaks?

Reception and Year 1 children currently have their breaks with the rest of the school on the large playground and field. Nursery children can join them and will be supervised by a member of staff from Robins/Little Wrens.

During learning time, access to the enclosed outdoor area is encouraged.

What do children have for snack?

School will provide a drink of water or milk for children who like this option. Fresh fruit or vegetables are available daily for children to snack on. We will also have the option of buttered toast/crumpets/muffins as mid-morning snack.

Can we provide our own snack or lunch?

If your child would prefer to bring a snack from home, this is okay. Please ensure it is healthy and do not send sweets/chocolate/crisps or biscuits.

Where will children have their lunch?

All children will eat their lunch together in the dining hall, with Little Wrens and Robins starting their lunch earlier than the rest of the school to give them time to eat it! We are proud of how nurturing and caring our older pupils are and they will play a role in supporting our youngest children, whilst being supervised at all times by lunchtime staff.

Do you cater for allergies or different dietary needs?

We can cater for a wide range of dietary needs, including allergies. Please ensure you share a detailed explanation of what your child's needs are, so our cook can support your child's food plan.

Will school support toilet training?

Our staff are happy to support children in using the toilet independently and will change children who have had an accident and need help with this. We would encourage parents to work with us in developing confident use of the toilet. Our intimate care risk assessment is available at the office should you wish to read a copy.

Will there be homework?

There is an expectation that Robins Class will complete homework in line with our policy, including regular reading at home. Little Wrens may occasionally have a home learning activity to complete and this is likely to be a 'find and do' task that requires adult support.