



**Welcome to Bidbury  
Infant School!**

# Aims



- Our focus at Bidbury Infants for your child
- Our curriculum focus in Reception
- What a day looks like in our Reception Class
- What will help you in making a decision about your child's school
- What will help your child get ready to start their school life.

# Bidbury's Priorities

## For you as a parent

- You will feel acknowledged and supported as the person who knows your child the best.
- You will feel connected to what we do in school and will be kept involved step by step in your child's learning journey through teacher contact as well as the Tapestry online programme

## For your child

- They will feel safe and secure in their new learning environment.
- They will develop a range of skills including how to compromise, how to make friends, how to be resilient and never give up and how to question.
- Alongside the key life skills above we will bring them further on their learning journey and explore Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Science, Music, Art and a lot more too.





# Reception Curriculum

Child focus and child voice:  
at the centre of our curriculum is always the child. It is led by them because the greatest learning occurs when you follow their curiosities

The Year R team carefully outline the skills and knowledge we want the children to achieve during a half term or term of work. We map how we might achieve this but we never plan in too much detail until we meet our children.

The EYFS and Development Matters Framework are our curriculum guides. They ensure that all the key skills are taught to the children at a time that is right for them.

We want children to leave Reception with a key understanding of early reading and writing as well as having a confidence in applying early mathematical skills. We want them to be happy and confident in their own ability and to have an understanding of what makes a good friend and how to resolve conflicts.

# A Day in the life of a child in Reception ☺

- I arrive to school and my teacher greets me at the door with a big smile.
- I hang my coat and my book bag on my peg. I know it is mine because there is a photo of me.
- I come into the classroom and I meet my friends - I can't forget to choose my lunch. Did you know that all the children in my class can have a free hot lunch. The food is yummy!
- After we have had a little chat we have to wake our bodies up - if you wake your body up then your mind wakes up too. We wake up by doing some dancing or yoga - check out Jump Start Johnny or Cosmic kids on Youtube if you want to practice at home.
- Now it's time for some new learning - we might do some phonics or some numeracy. Our adults help us if the learning is tricky.
- Next we have Learning time - this is my favourite time as I get to make my own choices for play. The adults have put out lots of activities inside and outside. We can explore and investigate these new things. Sometimes the adults might ask us to come and do a special job with them. All of this activities ensure we are learning while having fun all day long.

# A Day in the life of a child in Reception

- After a busy morning we have lunch altogether in the hall and we get to go outside and play with our friends.
  - The afternoon in Reception is a lot of fun and even though I get tired the adults are always there to help.
  - We always finish our day with a story. Sometimes we have to make up our own story called a Helicopter story and sometimes we have to act out the story.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkJI8dyzRQQ>
- I am always so tired after school and even after having my hot meal I am starving!!! My brain needs lots of food to grow and I need to get to sleep early because there is another exciting day to come tomorrow.

# As a parent what to look for



Selecting a school for your child can be a daunting task and in these strange times when you cannot visit schools it can feel even more daunting. Here are just a few things that might help make your decision a little easier.

- Word of mouth - ask friends for recommendations and talk to them about their experiences of different schools
- Visit the school website and read their vision statement to get a feel for where the priorities lie. Schools should display their curriculum maps and these can be quite helpful.
- Power points like this one and videos made by the school can give you a good feel for what they offer and what your child's experience might be.
- Remember that all schools want to help your child grow and develop. There may be differences in how they approach this but their aim will always be the same, to ensure the children in their care are happy, healthy and are continuously learning and growing.
- If you have any specific questions about Bidbury Infant School or the Reception class in particular please contact our office.



## Top tips



### Ways to help your child get school ready!

- ▶ Over the coming months you can help your child by working on developing their independence
  - Teach your child to open and close their own coat
  - Encourage your child to cut up their own food at meal times
  - Teach your child how to use a scissors and  allow them time to practice this new skill
  - Encourage your child to use the toilet independently
  - Share familiar nursery rhymes together
  - Read, Read, Read!!!



# Thank you!

If you have any questions not answered by this powerpoint, the Prospectus and the Frequently Asked Questions. Please email [adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk)