




**Blean Primary School
EYFS New Parents/Carers
Information Evening
2026**



Welcome
from the
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Mr Rowden

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Blean Primary School

Class Teachers



Mrs Cleary



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What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

Areas of Learning

In EYFS we cover 7 areas of learning which are:

- *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*
- *Communication and Language*
- *Physical Development*
- *Literacy*
- *Mathematics*
- *Understanding the World*
- *Expressive Arts and Design*



Characteristics of Effective Learning:

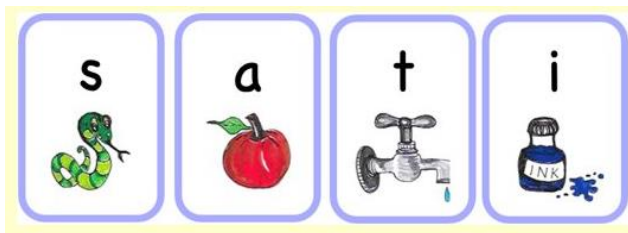
We also incorporate the characteristics of learning in our teaching and learning. 'Root Learning' is an important part of our curriculum that allows this to be achieved.

Root Learning is our approach to continuous provision and child-led exploration

- **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

Phonics

- Phonics teaches children how to read by helping them link sounds (phonemes) to letters (graphemes).
- Children learn to blend sounds together to read words (e.g., c-a-t = cat) and segment words to help with spelling (e.g., dog = d-o-g).
- Learning phonics helps children become confident readers and writers.
- Reading regularly at home with your child really supports their phonics learning.



Reading

- We begin by reading in groups, sharing familiar stories and talking about them.
- In Term 2 we begin to give the children individual, independent matched reading books to bring home and share with you.
- Books are matched to the phonics learnt in school and introduce a few letters/sounds at a time, allowing independent reading from the outset.
- We provide a log in for additional digital books on the 'Big Cat Collins' website.



Mathematics

In EYFS we cover:

- Composition of numbers to 10
- Subitising of numbers to 6
- Number bonds to 10
- Double facts up to 10
- Counting to 20
- Comparing quantities
- Representing patterns in numbers up to 10



The EYFS day

- Gates open 8.40am
- Registration 8.55am
- Phonics lesson
- Guided reading
- Mathematics lesson and activities
- 'Root Learning' inside and outside
- Topic based learning sessions
- Story and singing times
- PE lessons (after term 1) - weekly
- JIGSAW (PSHE lessons) – weekly



Root Learning



Root learning is our core provision. This takes place in both the inside and outside environments.

What does it promote?

- Learning through exploration
- Child-initiated learning
- Open-ended enquiry and investigation
- Promoting independence in making choices
- Becoming active learners – so pupils develop the 'characteristics of effective learning' in the EYFS
- Supporting children's learning across the 7 areas of learning and development in the EYFS

P.E

- Your child will be taking part in P.E lessons during their time in EYFS.
- In Term 1 your child will not need a P.E kit as they will be just removing shoes and socks.
- In Term 2 your child needs to wear their P.E kit to school on their PE day. This will be shared beforehand.



Uniform

Please refer to our school uniform policy – please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and school shoes.

If unsure, please refer to the school office or website.



Lunches

- All Year R pupils are entitled to a free school lunch. Menus are available on the school website.
<https://www.bleanprimary.org.uk/school-life/school-lunches/>
- If you prefer your child has a packed lunch please ensure they are healthy and DO NOT contain nuts, fizzy drinks or sweets/chocolate bars.
- Year R staff support pupils in the hall and at lunchtime play.





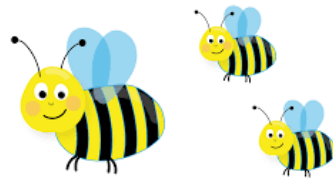
Snacks

- Fresh fruit and milk is supplied by the school daily
- Home snacks can be brought in but must only include cut up fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks or yoghurts
- No sugary snacks or raisins and popcorn please (choking hazard)
- Water bottles must be brought in each day (no juice or squash)

Behaviour

We follow the Blean Bees:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe



Our school values are:

Curiosity, Collaboration,
Resilience, Responsibility
and Resourcefulness.



Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Safeguarding

- All staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection
- We have a clear safeguarding culture across the school
- Designated Safeguarding Leads are available if there are any concerns

Pastoral Support

- We support children's emotional wellbeing alongside their learning
- Staff build strong, positive relationships with every child
- We help children settle, feel safe, and develop confidence

Key Adults

- Your child will be supported by their class teacher and teaching assistant
- Children are encouraged to talk to trusted adults if they feel worried
- We work closely with families to support every child

**If you ever have any concerns, please
speak to us - we are here to help.**

Tapestry

Tapestry is used as a way of sharing 'Wow' moments and of you sharing any home learning.

Please remember that we will value your input on this platform.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
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Home Learning

- To support your child at home please spend 10 minutes a day reading to them and with them. From Term 2 encourage them to read their books to you.
- Use the Reading record diary to write in any comments.
- Attend 'Tea and Topics' sessions.



How can you help prepare your child?

Coats (Ensure they can put it on unaided)

Toilet- independently if possible

Count (as much as possible)

Read lots of stories and poems

Use a knife and fork

Get dressed and undressed independently

Enjoy the summer on the beach/ in the woods/ garden, etc (enriching experiences)

- Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly named.
- Your child will only need a school book bag.
- Water bottles must be brought in everyday and labelled with their name.
- Please ensure your child does not bring in any personal belongings.
- You can leave a spare set of clothes on your child's peg for emergencies.

Notes



Google Classroom: *Used for class teachers to set homework and add resources that you may find useful to support your pupils at home. Homework will be put on your child's Google classroom page every Friday for you to view and/or download alongside other resources.*



Big Cat Collins: *This site allows your child to access a variety of additional reading books online. These are targeted to each child's phonic ability by the class teachers.*



Reach More Parents App: *This app will allow you to Receive alerts and keep updated with School News, Trips, Learning Activities, Important Announcements, Key Dates and Events, and much more!*



School Website: *The school website is also a good resource and includes any information on the curriculum, all the newsletters and dates as well as power points from any presentations.*

Online Platforms

Thank you

If you have any
questions
please speak to
one of the
school staff.

