



An INCLUSIVE | MULTI ACADEMY TRUST School

# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

"Be kind, work hard, love learning"



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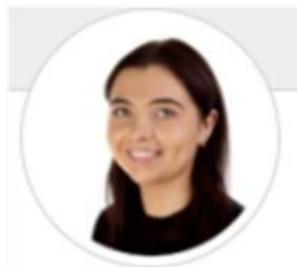


## OUR EARLY YEARS TEACHERS

**MRS FALLON, HEAD OF EYFS**



**MISS FROST, RECEPTION TEACHER**



**MRS WADER, RECEPTION TEACHER**



**MRS PAVLOVA, NURSERY TEACHER**



## WELCOME

At Beechfield, ensuring a child's learning is fun, purposeful and engaging is essential. In our early years, there are plenty of opportunities for independent, group and whole class learning during the day which are based both in the classroom and outdoors.

Throughout the year we cover a range of exciting topics such as space, dinosaurs and fairy tales. Our curriculum ensures children become independent and inquisitive young learners and flourish as they take a journey through their education.

We treat every child as an individual and we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

## WHAT OUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

### PHONICS

At Beechfield, we follow the Read Write Inc phonic scheme. We start teaching phonics in Nursery where we start off with teaching basic phonic skills such as animal noises and environmental sounds. In reception we begin more formal phonics teaching in groups where we learn the phonetic sounds in preparation to learn to read and write.



### BUSY FINGERS

Fine motor skills are essential in order to be able to write and hold a pencil correctly. When the children arrive at school in the morning, they all take part in a busy finger activity. This includes activities such as cutting, tweezers and threading to develop their fine motor skills.



### OUTDOOR LEARNING

We are incredibly passionate about outdoor learning here at Beechfield. We have amazing school grounds and we enjoy exploring the outdoors in all weathers. We enjoy building dens in the woods, making mud pies and hunting for mini beasts.



### MATHS AND ENGLISH

We follow the early years curriculum where we focus each week on a new Maths and English topic. We cover lots of different Maths topics such as shape, capacity, patterns and number knowledge. We focus on communication & language and writing within English. We use talk for writing where we create story maps and enjoy retelling stories verbally. We have a focussed Maths and English lesson everyday where we have both an adult directed session and directed tasks for the children to enjoy.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How big are the class sizes?

At full capacity we have 30 children in each reception class and 36 children in our nursery.

## How do I find out about my child's learning?

We send a weekly newsletter home and we also use a programme called Tapestry. This is where we create a learning journal for all children within early years and as parent, you can follow your child's learning at home via an app. This builds a fantastic home-school relationship.

## What phonics programme so you use to teach the children to read?

We follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme.

## Do you provide a snack?

We provide every child in Early years with a healthy morning snack. You also have the choice to pay for your child to have a carton of milk each day.

## Can my child have a school dinner?

Yes, all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. Alternatively, you do have the choice of a packed lunch from home.

## Do you offer breakfast and after-school club?

Yes, we offer both a breakfast and after school, our wrap around care is available from 7:30-6 Monday to Friday.

# ADMISSIONS

We look forward to welcoming your child at Beechfield School.

Admissions for Reception places is managed by the Herts Admissions Team. Nursery places are managed through Beechfield School.

Please visit our admissions area on our school website for further information and how to apply:

[www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/admissions)

# OUR SCHOOL VIDEO



# READY FOR SCHOOL

