



EYFS at Abbotswood



Which class will my child be in?

- You will find out which class your child is in towards the end of this summer term. This gives us a chance to meet all of the children before we decide classes.*
- In reality, your child will interact with every member of the Reception Team, whether that is through phonics teaching, or during mixed-group activities.*
- Each Friday, the children rotate around the environment and so are taught by both myself and Mrs Smith in the same afternoon!*



Home Visits

- They allow us to meet the children in their environment and for you to share any additional information with us.
- They also allow us to share key bits of information with you nearer to the time: PE days etc.
- It is another chance for you to ask any questions that have arisen over the summer.



All of this information will be on our school website!

- *www.abbotswoodprimary.org.uk*
- *Class Pages - Reception NEW STARTERS*
- *This will change to 'Reception Barn and Tawny Owls' in September.*



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- *“Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential.”*



EYFS Framework 2021.



How do children learn in the EYFS?



What is learning through play?



Continuous Provision

- It is not 'get everything you have ever owned out of the cupboard and let the children go wild.' (Although this is sometimes what it looks like).
- Continuous provision are resource led, open ended activities that continue the learning away from the adult.
- The question we need to ask is, 'When we are not there, how are these resources continuing learning?'
- We sometimes add 'Enhancements' to the provision to link it to our Enquiry.



You will have an opportunity to see this in action next year!



What is an Enquiry?

- At Abbotswood, all children learn through 'Enquiries'.
- These are questions which the teachers and children endeavour to answer together.
- Children are taught through an Enquiry based approach throughout their time at Abbotswood.
- We encourage children to look at the questions through different 'lenses'. For example: being a scientist or an athlete.



What makes me special?



- Each Enquiry starts with a key question.
- We then look at different questions which link to the Enquiry question.
- For example: 'Who lives in my house?'
- Each Enquiry then ends with a 'Challenge' and sometimes parents are invited in to share in the children's learning.
- In our 'What makes me special?' Enquiry, the children create their own museum exhibit including a self-portrait and their name writing, as well as pictures and objects which are special to them. Parents are invited in to share in our Class Museum.



Challenges

- As well as playful learning through continuous provision and our enquiries, the children are set challenges each week!

Mathematician
Challenge



Author
Challenge



Artist
Challenge



- Each child has a challenge card and they need to independently complete the challenges throughout the week.
- The challenges are linked to an area of the curriculum, or targeted to children's next steps.

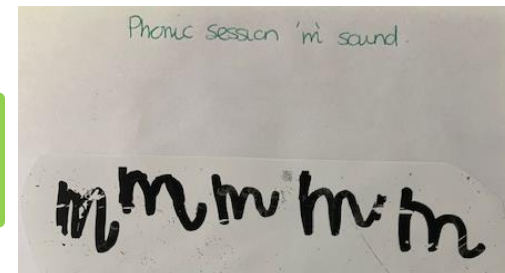




- *Phonics is a way of teaching children to read and write.*
- *We follow Read Write Inc and the sequence of those lessons provide a structure that enable children to practise seeing, saying, reading and writing the sounds each day.*
- *Children then use their phonics knowledge in their reading, writing and their challenges.*



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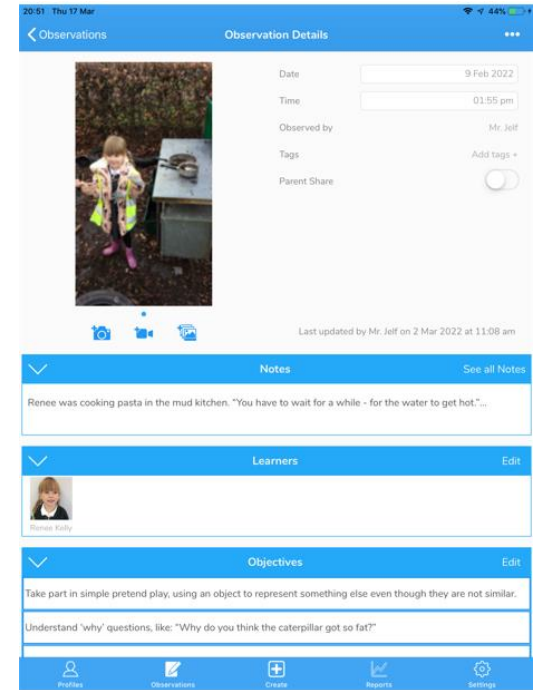


How are children in the EYFS assessed at Abbotswood?



How are children assessed?

- Children are being assessed all the time, although they may not realise it.
- Children are assessed against the DM Framework, but also against other criteria from other sources.
- We use an app called Evidence Me, which allows us to take photographic evidence and capture the children's language and then link it to the curriculum objectives.
- These observations are then emailed home to parents at the end of each term (Learning Diaries).



Evidence Me



- *You can also upload things to Evidence Me!*
- *This could be pictures/videos of what your children have been up to over the holidays, videos of them reading at home - anything that you would like to share with the teacher and class.*
- *This will be new for next year! You will be 'invited' to join via an e-mail from 'no reply @ Evidence Me'.*
- *Download the Evidence Me app onto your phone/tablet.*



Once you have been 'invited', activate your account then have a go at uploading a photo of your child and their favourite toy, or something that you have done over the summer ...

What your child will need for school:



Our Learning Environment

- *We aim to create a space where children feel comfortable and free to explore, experiment and develop their independence!*



Feel free to ask any members of staff any questions that you may have! Let's go and see the classes!

