



Kibworth CE **Primary School**

Let Your Light Shine

Foundation Stage



Getting Ready For School

Follow this easy checklist to help prepare your child for school!

Starting school can be an exciting yet apprehensive time. Small steps can make a big difference and families can help to prepare their child for school.

- ☐ I am curious and want to play and learn
 - ☐ I feel good about myself and like it when you praise me
- ☐ I am starting to know when I am happy, sad or cross
 - ☐ I can let you know what I need and tell you what is important to me
- ☐ I can settle when you leave me knowing you will be back soon
 - ☐ I can play with other children and am learning to take turns
- ☐ I can make simple choices and follow simple instructions
 - ☐ I am willing to have a go and keep on trying
- ☐ I can use lots of different words about things that interest me and use them when I play
 - ☐ I can listen and take turns in conversation with grown-ups and children
- ☐ I can join in with favourite songs, rhymes and stories
 - ☐ I can go to the toilet and dress myself most of the time
- ☐ I am an active and confident mover both inside and outside

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Welcome to Kibworth Primary Early Years Foundation Stage.

The foundation year is a special time of learning and discovery for both children and families. At Kibworth, we provide a safe environment where children are valued and supported, allowing them to reach their full potential. The wellbeing and happiness of every child is at the forefront of everything we do. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages children to develop their curiosity and explore the world around them. We value the children's interests and use them to inform our planning which helps to promote a love of learning. We understand the importance of communication and language development, therefore, we offer a friendly environment that supports each child's unique needs. Our aim is to foster a love of learning by creating a curriculum which is child centered. We involve parents at every stage of their child's learning journey and believe that building strong parent partnerships is an essential part of children's success at school.



"The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six." ~ Maria Montessori

If you would like to see our Foundation Stage in action, we welcome you to arrange a visit and meet the team.



G. M. Paterson

Mrs Gilly Paterson
Headteacher

K. Cartwright

Mrs Katherine Cartwright
Head of Foundation Stage



welcome to our school!



"A child's life is like a piece of paper in which every person leaves a mark."

Our Learning Environment

At Kibworth, we are passionate about play! Research has proven that play increases levels of involvement and allows each child to develop at their own pace. Play also enables children to pursue their own interests and develop their own ideas. Children are encouraged to apply and practise the skills they have learnt through play, allowing them to become independent learners.



"The more that you read, the more you will know.
The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
(Dr Seuss)



"Play gives children a chance to
practice what they are learning!"
(Fred Rogers)



"The true sign of intelligence is
not knowledge but imagination."
Albert Einstein



"Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in
which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there
is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and
carers." (DfE)



"Will you succeed?
Yes you will indeed!"
(Dr Seuss)



Our outside learning area!



"You cannot make people learn. You can
only provide the right conditions for
learning to happen." -vince Gownon



Children are encourgaed to take control of their
own learning through hands on experiences.



Children feel safe, happy, cared for
and relaxed!

Our Approach to Learning

Our learning environment enables children to be confident to explore and learn in a safe and nurturing space. The learning environment belongs to the children and reflects their interests and achievements. Activities are carefully planned around the children's next steps in learning, ensuring they are engaged and challenged through their play. Throughout the day, both the indoor and outdoor environments are freely accessible. Through our curriculum we encourage children to become successful learners by promoting values such as respect, love and kindness.



"Play is the work of the child" (Maria Montessori)



"If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow." - Alfie Kohn



Explore, create, think and develop!



"Children have real understanding only of that which they invent themselves." - Jean Piaget



Learning can be messy!



We make our maths lessons practical, fun and memorable



Active Learning!



"Every child is an artist."
(Pablo Picasso)

A day in the life of a Foundation Stage child

Although every day is different in Foundation Stage, a typical day is shown below. Ensuring children's happiness is at the heart of everything we do.



Throughout the day, we have short class teaching sessions.



Children learn through play in the continuous provision



Learning to decode words using phonics is an essential element of early reading



Learning takes place both inside and out. The children thrive in an environment that supports active learning and development



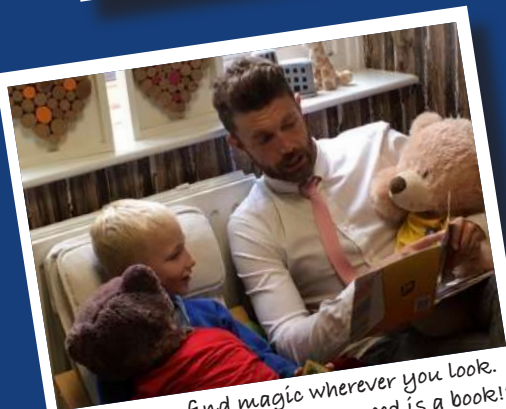
Opportunities to explore texts
from all areas of the curriculum.



Lunchtime!



Storytime is one of our favourite
times of the day



"You can find magic wherever you look.
Sit back and relax all you need is a book!"
- Dr. Seuss



Adult led activities support children to
develop a rich vocabulary and allows
opportunities to challenge thinking.



P.E. Kit!



School uniform!



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I
remember. Involve me and I learn."
(Benjamin Franklin)

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