

WELCOME TO RECEPTION!

We're so excited to welcome you and your children to the start of their school journey! This is a very special time filled with new experiences, friendships, and lots of learning through play. Over the coming weeks, we'll be helping the children settle into their new routines and explore all the wonderful things our classroom has to offer. We're looking forward to working closely with you to make this a happy and exciting year for your child.

First Day Of School

It's time to leave your little one,
To play and learn and have some fun.
We know this can be really tough,
And you'll wonder if you've done
enough,
To get them ready for this day,
How will they cope while you're away?
Rest assured that they are ready,
The love you've given will hold them
steady.
They'll have new adventures with new
friends,
Exploring, creating, playing pretend,
And when their busy day is done,
It's to you that they will run,
Full of stories to be shared,
For, because of you, they were well-
prepared.
And even if they face a challenge,
We'll be here to help them manage.
We'll care for them just as you would,
And make their troubles understood.
We'll help them find their own way
through,
We'll help them grow in all they do.
So while they're here to play and
learn,
We'll hold them until you return.



BASELINE

The Government Baseline is a short, one-on-one assessment that takes place in the first few weeks of Reception. It helps schools understand each child's starting point in early maths, language, and communication, so they can support their learning as they grow. It's not a test and children often don't even realise they're being assessed – it's done through simple, fun activities.

MEET THE TEACHERS



Miss Conner



Mrs Packham



Mrs Parker

If you have any anything, you wish to talk to a member of the Year R team about, please do come and see us after school when we have dismissed all the children, contact us using our new email address or arrange an appointment at the office. The email address is starlings@egerton.kent.sch.uk The Year R team, as well as Mrs Head, will be monitoring this regularly.

TAPESTRY

Please speak to us if you are not active on the Tapestry App. We share information on here so it is really important that you can access it. Some moments of learning will also be shared on here for you to view. We love to see any learning that happens at home so would love for you to add your own posts to Tapestry – using the 'add observation' tool.

REMINDERS

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing, including coats, jumpers, and hats, to help us return any lost items quickly and easily. We also kindly ask that toys from home be kept at home, as they can get lost or broken and can cause distractions in the classroom.

Children can bring in a bottle of water each day and a healthy snack they can have at break time

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

- You will be sent QR codes with short videos to help your child practise the sounds we are learning in school. These will support them with recognising, writing and blending sounds. A little practice each day really helps!
- Enjoy books together! Try to read with your child every day. Let them choose books they enjoy and talk about the pictures, characters and story as you go.
- Have fun spotting sounds. Listen for the first sound in words around you. For example, sun starts with s and dog starts with d. You could even play "I spy" with sounds!
- Make counting part of everyday life. Count toys, stairs, socks, jumps, pieces of fruit or anything else you have around the house.
- Practise subitising. Show your child a small number of objects, up to 5, and see if they can tell you how many there are without counting them. For example, quickly show 4 grapes and ask, "How many can you see?"