



Welcome to Reception at HPS

September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely, restful summer! I'm sure that many children (and parents) will be keen to get back into a routine again and we can't wait to welcome you back. For some parents this may be the first time sending your child to school and we want to reassure you that they are going to have a wonderful year, so please try not to worry!

In Giraffe Class Mrs Morris will be teaching Monday to Thursday and Miss Thorp will be teaching on a Friday. Miss Dennis will be in Tiger class.

Our two reception classes are connected via a shared outdoor area and when we open the doors to outside the children will have access to both classrooms during "free flow" time.

Below, we have provided an overview of the curriculum for the Autumn term and some other useful information but do ask if you would like any further details and keep an eye on our reception page on the school website, which will be updated shortly.

Home visits

We look forward to meeting with you again at your home visit. If you are not sure when your appointment is please contact your child's class teacher by email to arrange this. You will receive a free book bag for your child on this visit.

Children in Giraffe class and Tiger class will be starting school on **Monday 8th** September following home visits.

Start and finish times week beginning September 8th:

Monday and Tuesday will be 8:40am- 11:45am (no lunch)

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be 8:40am- 1:30pm (with lunch)

The week beginning 15th September, children will be in school full time: 8:40am- 3:15pm.

Please can children wait on the playground near the yellow reception gate at drop off.

PE- Our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday for both tigers and giraffes. Children will need to come to school in PE kits on those days.



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Autumn term curriculum (Our curriculum changes based on the children's interests and through what we observe so this curriculum overview is subject to change)

Literacy	Baseline Assessments	Phonics- s, a, t, p	Phonics- j, n, m, d	Phonics- g, o, c, k	Phonics-ck, e, u, r Tricky word l
Maths	Baseline assessments	Baseline assessments Subitising to 3 Recognising numbers to 3	Counting, cardinality and ordinality. Counting to 5. Counting songs/ rhymes	Composition up to 3. To know when a group is composed of 3 or NOT 3.	Perceptual subitising Subitise auditory patterns up to 3. Make patterns showing 4.
PSED	What we do in circle time Starting School	Finding things in the classroom	I am special because... My friend is special... Taking turns and sharing	What I like/ dislike about school	Talking about feelings
Communication & Language	Role Play Sitting sensibly in circle time Listening to others	Thinking about the different things we have and their uses	Listening to stories Discussing what we are good at. Role Play	Retelling a story verbally. Discussing likes and dislikes. Role Play	Discussing feelings. Listening to others. Role Play
Understanding the World	Settling in	All about me	My family	Autumn Seasonal changes	Autumn Where I live
PD	Dancing to our favourite songs	Dancing to our favourite songs. Hungry caterpillar story yoga Healthy Eating	Fine motor skills- mark making	Using our bodies to move in different ways Fine motor skills	Using our bodies to move in different ways Fine motor skills
EAD	Self Portraits Values tree	<u>Self portraits</u> - Finishing off	Stained glass leaves	Conker painting	Pumpkin observational drawing

General reminders

Children will need weather appropriate coats and hats in school every day.

Children should bring in their own **water bottle** to keep in class. They will have access to this all day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle and that the water is changed regularly.

Children will order their lunch in the morning at registration; **it is helpful if the children have looked at and discussed the menu at home in the morning if ordering a school lunch!**

Please can all children bring in and a keep a pair of **wellies** at school so that we can go out in all weathers and be able to access the mud kitchen.

It is really important that your child has a couple of **spare changes of clothes**, including underwear and socks every day. Children can have the odd accident when engrossed in play and we often get messy whilst learning.

Please ensure EVERYTHING your child brings in is named. Please can you also avoid bringing in toys/comforters from home unless this has been discussed with the class teacher.

Please bring in your **child's book bag** every day. We will put important letters and paperwork in there regularly.

Contacting us (If your child has two teachers please send emails to both teachers)

Mrs Morris – smorris@hethersettprimary.co.uk

Miss Thorp- vthorp@hethersettprimary.co.uk

Miss Dennis- DDennis@hethersettprimary.co.uk