

High Ercall Primary School

- Welcome to our lovely village primary school.
- We hope that this powerpoint will help you find out more information about starting our school in Reception.
- We are looking forward to meeting you soon.
- Mrs Sarah Roberts, Headteacher (pictured)





A warm welcome to both children and parents from Class 1.



Morning routines

- The bell rings at 8.50am
- In the first week, please take your child into Class 1 through the door at the front, going through the blue gate.
- After a few days, or when they have settled, the children will start to line up on the playground in the mornings. Mrs Caton will come to collect them and bring them into the classroom.



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- Come in and say hello!
 - On Thursday mornings you are welcome to come into Class 1 to look at what we have been learning, chat to staff and join your child in their early morning activities.

Arriving at Other Times

- If you are late or are returning to school after an appointment please take your child to the main reception.
- Please tell Mrs Machin so that she can amend the register for the day.



Hang up Your Bag and Coat

- We like to encourage the children to become independent and put their things away .
- Please make sure all back packs and coats are labelled.
- Usually children don't need to bring a bag – they can bring their reading book and a water bottle in their reading packet. This helps us with space in the classroom!
- School backpacks are good for Forest School days.



Early Morning Activities

- Each morning a range of activities are on offer to the children.
- These help to settle your child into the school day.



Early Morning Routines

- Children bring in their reading books every day. We provide all the children with plastic book bags. Payments and notes from home can be handed over in these bags.
- You can help by having their name on the payment envelope or purse.
- Children self register for school lunch or a packed lunch and put away their book bags.





Carpet Time

- Every morning we start the day together.
- The children sit in their own spot.
- The Special Helper changes the calendar and counts the children.
- We talk about what we will be learning today.



Reading time!

- This is our reading area. Children listen to stories, read books and choose a class story to share.

Learning time!



- The children work in small groups with an adult to support their learning.



Technology

- These are our laptops, ipads and programmable toys. Children learn key skills by playing games related to their learning and how to use different forms of IT.



Building and playing together

This is our building area. The children create representations of places we have visited and stories we have read.

Reading

- Children take part in daily reading activities and guided reading with an adult at least twice a week.
- You can help by reading with them on a daily basis and recording this in their diary. We ask parents to read with their child at least 5 times a week, and note it in their diary.



Playtime

- Some of our children are playground buddies. They help other children join in with games.
- School provides children with fruit and milk if they would like it at playtime.
- The children can bring their own healthy snacks.



Assembly

- We hope to have daily assembly, mainly in the hall.
- We have stories, songs, time to reflect and celebrate the children's achievements.





Phonics

- Children have daily phonics sessions.
- They will bring home weekly information about what they have learnt in phonics.
- You can help by practicing these at home.

P.E.

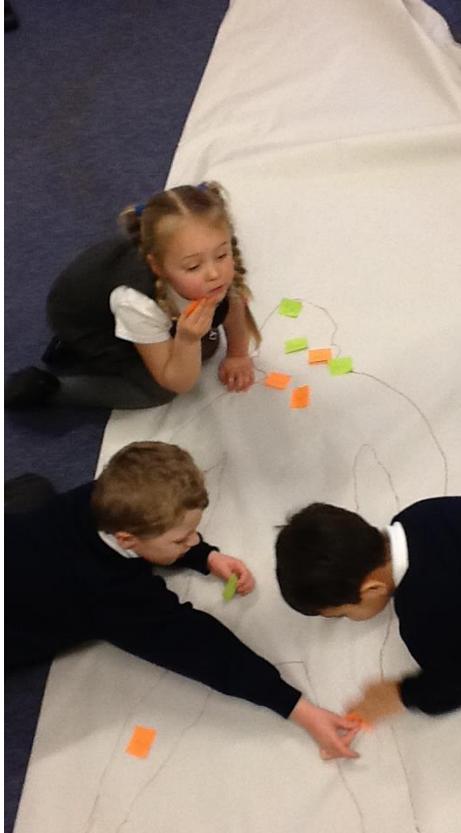
- Children take part in P.E. twice a week.
- We have a school PE kit which includes an initialed school hoodie and navy joggers. Children come in their PE kit on PE and Forest School days.
- Please label all items of clothing and footwear and putting them in a named bag which they can leave at school.
- If you can, try to choose clothing that aids their independence – especially thinking about how your child will fasten their trainers.





Lunch

- All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to have a free school lunch. They can still bring sandwiches from home, if they want.
- Children are offered a choice of healthy cooked meals prepared in the school kitchens.
- Children collect a tray and cutlery and choose their lunch.
- There are Lunch Time Supervisors to help.
- This year we have had lunch in the classroom but we hope to be back using the hall in September.



Afternoon Learning

- Young children learn best through play.
- We set them and they set themselves challenges and problems to solve.
- They are able to share their learning, talk about what's gone well and how they have overcome difficulties



Forest School

- We have amazing school grounds and a dedicated forest area for learning and play which is used by all classes.

Forest School

- Every Friday afternoon we go to Forest School.
- Please send the children to school on a Friday dressed in their Forest School clothes, not their uniform. This is the same as their PE kit – navy hoodie and joggers.
- They should bring wellies and a waterproof cover up to wear for the afternoon.





Mrs Caton
Class teacher



Mrs Jordan –
Class teacher on a
Friday

**Class 1
Staff**

Miss Young
Teaching
assistant



Miss Adams
Teaching
assistant



Mrs Smith
Teaching
Assistant



Other important staff



Mrs Roberts - Headteacher



Mrs Lingham - Deputy Headteacher



Extended schools provision

- If your child needs before or after school care, we run a Rise and Shine club before school and Chill club after school.
- Mrs Patel and Ms Gater (above) are school teaching assistants who run our after school chill club for us until 5.30pm.
- Further details are on the website.