

Starting School

We aim to give children a welcoming, happy and confident start at Lodders Primary School by welcoming new children and parents during our Summer Term transition programme. This includes preschool visits to



those not already in our own setting and sessions in school to find out about your child's likes and dislikes.

Children in Reception share their vibrant learning environment with our preschool children in a modern, light and well-resourced classroom. The age mix benefits both groups and aids transition from preschool into Reception.

From the start of September, Reception children begin school on a full-time basis; however, we are open to discussion about individual needs.



Throughout the year, children experience an exciting curriculum, both indoors and outdoors, designed to meet the needs of young children. This is fun, practical, purposeful, creative and playful. It challenges each child to achieve their individual potential.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum comprises six areas of learning, with each child working towards achieving Early Learning Goals in the following areas by the end of Reception:

Communication, Language and Literacy



Speaking, listening, reading and writing skills are taught during daily literacy and phonics sessions and across the curriculum. Literacy is taught in a range of exciting ways. Our learning environment is stimulating and interactive with lots of opportunities to explore reading and writing activities throughout the day which are both playful and purposeful.

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy

Our daily Mathematical sessions are largely play-based and practical and incorporate topics including: Number, Shape and Space, Measures and Problem Solving. Children are encouraged to develop these skills throughout the school day and across the curriculum using a range of resources.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World



Children's natural curiosities and desire to find out more are stimulated through a range of activities to increase knowledge and understanding of the world around them. This includes developing early skills in Science, Geography, History, IT, Design Technology and R.E.

Personal Social and Emotional Development



Throughout the entire curriculum, children are taught and learn to develop a range of social skills and

personal qualities based on their attitudes towards themselves and others. These skills are embedded during class chats and circle time and whole school assemblies.

Creative Development



Creativity, imagination and self-expression are developed through role play, art, music and dance activities. Children are involved

in planning creatively to enhance their own curriculum through child-led topic planning.

Physical Development

Children are given a range of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. Twice weekly P.E. sessions in addition to outdoor play are planned to meet children's physical needs. During Reception, children engage in P.E. sessions both at school and at Bridport Leisure Centre with



class teachers and sports instructors. There are also weekly 'welly walks' exploring the environment and



local area.

At Loders Primary School these fundamental areas of learning are enhanced with topics based on children's interests and understanding of the world. We balance adult-led curriculum topics with those based on children's own personal and varied interests. Recent topics have included: 'Coasts', 'On the Farm', 'Around the World in 40 Days', and 'Dinosaur Discovery'.

Why Choose Loders?

- A friendly, welcoming Church school community with a family feel
- Above average attainment in the Early Years Foundation Stage with a

commitment to each child achieving their full potential

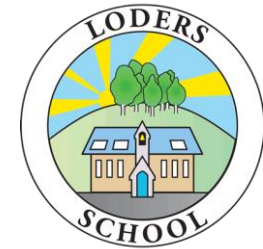
- Small class sizes and individualized learning programmes
- Rural environment in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Great links with the local community and Church
- A wide range of extra-curricular activities including visiting music teachers, arts workshops and curriculum-enhancing trips throughout Dorset, Devon and beyond
- On site lunchtime and after-school clubs offering a range of sports, arts, environmental and musical experiences
- Breakfast Club, open from 8am every morning

For more information about the Early Years Curriculum please visit:

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>



Starting School at Loders Primary School



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