



## Tapestry

In Reception we use Tapestry as an observation and assessment tool. Tapestry is an online Early Years learning journal. It enables parents to follow their child's journey through their Early Years education. Many of you have already signed up to Tapestry and you will receive an email each time an observation about your child is made. You will be able comment on observations and upload your own observations. We really value any comments you make and observations you post, they help us to have a clearer view of your child's learning. We will be contacting those of you who have not signed up yet. You will be asked to provide an email address so that we can send you a password, you will then be able to share in your child's learning journey.

### Reception Dates for your Diaries

- ✓ Stay and learn morning- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8.45-9.45am
- ✓ Autumn Welly Walk for all children on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Specific information will be sent in a separate letter.
- ✓ Come and read with us every Friday morning from 8.45-9.00- this is a chance for you to come and share a book with your child in the setting.

### How you can help:

- ✓ Make time to read stories and sing rhymes with your child.
- ✓ Ensure you complete and sign your child's reading log each day and make sure they bring this to school every day.
- ✓ Share with us the things your child does and says at home by adding them to your child's Tapestry page.
- ✓ Talk with your child about what they have been doing at school.

# Welcome to Reception McKee and Donaldson



Autumn Term 1

Me In My World

Check out our website:  
[www.briarhillprimary.co.uk](http://www.briarhillprimary.co.uk)

Or find us on Twitter

[@BriarHillsSch](https://twitter.com/BriarHillsSch)

# Welcome to Reception

This year group booklet has been designed to answer many of the questions you may have about Briar Hill and the curriculum that your child is experiencing.



Who is in Reception?

The Teacher in **McKee Class** is **Miss McGovern** and **Mrs Crozier** teaches in McKee on Fridays.

The Teachers in **Donaldson Class** are **Mrs Smith** (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and **Mrs Crozier** (Wednesday and Thursday).



Support staff:

Mrs Flowers – EYFS HLTA

Gibbs – Reception Teaching Assistant

Miss

This term the children will be getting to know the Reception team, settling in, making new friends and learning new routines. The children will be busy getting to know the 4 different areas of Reception:

\*The Shared Area \*McKee Room \*Donaldson Room \*The Garden

This term our theme is *“Me in My World”*. As part of this theme we will be learning about ourselves, our families, how we can be a good friend, how we can explain how we are feeling, parts of our body and staying safe. We will also be learning about different types of houses and homes.

The home-school relationship is vital to a successful year. Parents are most welcome in Briar Hill. You will have access to the teacher at the beginning and the end of the day. We strongly believe in working in partnership and encourage parents and guardians to become involved in school life. We will be providing a wide range of opportunities throughout the year which will include; open mornings, workshops, special assemblies etc. for you to attend. As a team, we are really looking forward to the year ahead.

# Term 1 Curriculum News

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this term will be on making relationships and learning to get along with others. We will encourage confidence in making choices and communicating with others.

## Communication and Language Development

This term we will be learning lots of different vocabulary linked to our topics. We will be doing lots of talking and will be developing our listening skills in small and large groups.

## Physical Development

This term we will be learning to have more control over pencils, pens paintbrushes and other mark making tools. We will be doing lots of manipulative activities like play dough, threading and lacing to help us develop our fine motor skills and eye hand co-ordination. We will explore the many different ways we can travel using our feet on interesting pathways.

## Literacy

We will be introduced to the Oxford Reading Tree characters, learning their names and talking about stories. We will be working on name writing, letter formation and pencil control.

We will also start our *Read, Write Inc.* sessions. *Read, Write Inc.* is a phonics programme that is used across the school and helps to teach the children all about the sounds that letters make and how we can use them to read and write.

## Mathematics

We will be learning about 2D shapes, number recognition, ordering and sequencing numbers, counting forwards and backwards, and investigating weight.

