



**Whitehall Nursery and Infant School**

Welcome to our  
Reception Induction  
Session 2022



At **Whitehall Nursery and Infant School** our aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support that they need to be happy and healthy in body and mind and so be able to make a positive contribution to school and our community. The subjects we teach and the way we deliver them offer an exciting and stimulating curriculum that gives all children the opportunity to meet their academic and creative potential, enabling them to achieve economic well-being – which means; a good, well paid job!

at **WHITEHALL**  
you can



our  
vision



# Who's Who

Headteacher  
Mr Kilkenny



Deputy  
Headteacher  
Mr Palmer



Chair of Governors  
Mrs Middleton



# Class 7 Teachers

Ms Middleton

Wednesday to Friday



Ms Kang

Monday to Wednesday

# Class 7 TA Support



Ms Taiwo

# Class 8 Teacher and TA

Ms Wood



Ms Kaur

# Class 9 Teacher and TA



Ms Marshall  
Reception Lead

Ms Roberts



# Reception

- In Reception we have three classes across an open plan room.
- Throughout the day they are lucky to have the use of all of the three classes and the outdoor area during child initiated sessions.
- Children will have adult led whole class sessions throughout the day and small focus group sessions.



They will have a rich variety of experiences...

Creative

Roleplay



# Exploring the outdoors



# Exploring the outdoors



## Water play



# Maths Activities



Mark Making

# Building with blocks

## Small world



# Working together to solve a problem



Very importantly....  
Books! Books! Books!!



# Reception

There are 7 areas of the curriculum

## Prime areas

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development



# Reception

## Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive arts and design

# Tapestry



- ▶ Tapestry is an online learning journal system
- ▶ There is an app and browser version available
- ▶ We use it to record children's learning and development using tablet devices and PCs.
- ▶ We set you up as parents with your own secure logins so you can view, comment on and add your own observations to your child's journal.
- ▶ It creates a two way communication between us (the staff), and you (the parents/carers)

A screenshot of the Tapestry login page. The page is white with a blue border. At the top left is the Tapestry logo. To its right, the text "TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL" is displayed. Below the logo, there are two input fields: "Email address" and "Password". A blue "Log in" button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom left, there is a link that says "Having trouble logging in?".

# Observations



- ▶ When you login to your account you will be able to see any observations for your child that have been added to their journal
- ▶ You will be able to see any photos or videos attached to the observation.
- ▶ Underneath the media you will see what the teacher has written.
- ▶ You will also be able to add comments and like the observation.
- ▶ You can also add your own observations. A member of staff will be happy to show you how to do this again if you ask them.



# Oxford Owl

The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl website homepage. At the top left is the 'Oxford Owl' logo. In the top right corner, there are links for 'Help', 'Join us', and 'Log in'. The main heading is 'Welcome to Oxford Owl', followed by a sub-heading: 'Discover expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support children's learning at primary school and at home, from Oxford University Press.' Below this, there are two main sections: 'Oxford Owl for School' and 'Oxford Owl for Home'. The 'Oxford Owl for School' section features a white owl icon and lists 'Teaching resources and expert school improvement support' with bullet points: 'Award-winning subscriptions and leadership support', 'Professional Development and best practice advice', and 'Free teaching resources and eBooks'. It includes 'Log in' and 'Join us' buttons and a link to 'About Oxford Owl for School'. The 'Oxford Owl for Home' section features a brown owl icon and lists 'Free resources to support learning at home' with bullet points: 'Advice and support for parents', 'Educational activities and games', and 'Free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds'. It includes an 'Enter site' button. At the bottom, there are two rows of partner logos: 'For school' includes Oxford Reading Tree, TreeTops, Twinkl, Read Write Inc., and Nelson English Skills; 'For home' includes Read with Oxford, Progress with Oxford, and Bond.

**Oxford Owl**

Help Join us Log in

## Welcome to Oxford Owl

Discover expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support children's learning at primary school and at home, from Oxford University Press.

### Oxford Owl for School

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- Award-winning subscriptions and leadership support
- Professional Development and best practice advice
- Free teaching resources and eBooks

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About Oxford Owl for School

### Oxford Owl for Home

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**For school**

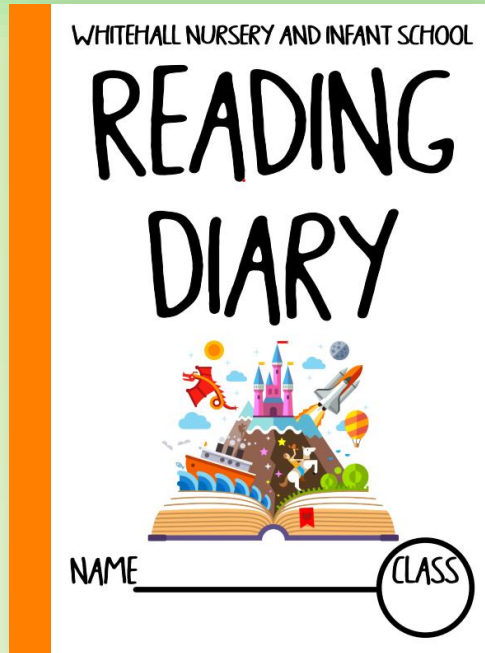
Oxford Reading Tree TreeTops Twinkl Read Write Inc. Nelson English Skills

**For home**

Read with Oxford Progress with Oxford Bond

We have a reading online platform called 'Oxford Owl'. You will be given access to this so that you can read books that teachers have allocated for your child based on their reading level.

# Reading Diary



Your children will have a reading diary for you to use with them at home. There is a daily section where you fill in the pages you have read and any key words you want to remember; every week there is a homework activity based on one of the books.

When they have read 6 books they get a sticker and when their sticker chart is full they get a gift of a brand new book to take home.



# Reception timings for September

- **Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Home visits - Your child's class teachers will visit you and your child at your home.

- **Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September**

If your child attended our Nursery they will attend for the morning and lunch time. 8.45am - 12.15pm

If they have not they will attend for the afternoons: 1pm - 3.30pm

- **Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday to Thursday - 8.30am to 3.30pm

Friday - 8.30 to 1pm

# Drop-off and Pick-up



8:30 drop off at  
the reception  
garden gate

3.30 pick up from the  
basket ball court on the  
main playground.



# Water Bottles

Good hydration is vital for a healthy happy time at school. The body needs water to function properly.



Please send in a water bottle everyday with fresh water or a sugar free drink. No milk-based or fizzy liquids.



# Snack Time

Morning snack is provided free to all children. It is a healthy fruit or vegetable based snack. We encourage all children to try and taste different fruits. This is a great opportunity for children to be encouraged by their friends example and try something new.



Milk is provided free and juice can be bought for 30p a day or £1.50 for a week.



# Uniform

Please put names on everything!

Sweatshirt £9.00



Grey or black trousers

Black shoes

Poloshirts £3.00



Bookbag £5.00



Grey pinafore or skirt



# PE Uniform

Please put names on **EVERYTHING!**



**White t-shirt**



**Black shorts**



**Black pumps**



**Black or grey  
tracksuit**



# What you can do to help your child to be ready for Reception

- Practise writing their name with a capital letter at the beginning and the rest of their name in lowercase letters.
- Encourage them to dress themselves independently at home. It can be frustrating but try to be patient!
- Use the toilet independently. This includes preparing their clothing for using the toilet, wiping themselves, redressing and washing their hands. You can send your child with spare clothes in a bag just in case of accidents.
- Talk to your child about their new school. You could show them the school website. The storytime page would also be great for them to familiarise themselves with some of the teachers.
- Walk or drive past the school and show them the reception outdoor area and gate.

# Attendance

- If your child is going to be absent, please phone the school **before 9.30am**.
- **Remember however, that phoning school does not authorise the absence.**
- You must show or send proof of the illness to Mrs Manhota in the office.

A photograph of a UK Pharmacist Independent Prescriber (PIP) form. The form is titled 'PHARMACIST INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBER - SP' and 'Bulk Prescription'. It lists three items: 1-2 QDS PRN Pain or Pyrexia 20x32 tabs (Pharmacy please pack down), Paracetamol 500mg Eff Tabs 1-2 QDS PRN in water for Pain or Pyrexia 300 tabs, and Paracetamol 250mg/5ml Suspension 10-20ml QDS PRN for Pain or pyrexia 500ml. The form is signed by Dr Graham L. Stretch on 20/03/20. The pharmacy address is 26 Florence Road, London, W5 3TX, Ealing CCG. A yellow sticky note is attached to the top of the form.

- This proof can then be shown at the school office or uploaded on the [report an absence](#) page.

# Thank you for coming today

If you would like more information on our school please visit our website:

[Whitehall Infants School \(whitehall-i.walsall.sch.uk\)](http://whitehall-i.walsall.sch.uk)

You can contact us by email.

[Reception@Whitehall-i.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:Reception@Whitehall-i.walsall.sch.uk)