

Buswells Lodge Primary School



Welcome to
Foundation Stage
One



Your child will be in the Toucan class.

Class teacher

Miss Robinson

Teaching assistants

Mrs Gee

Miss Buzzard



The Curriculum

Children start at Buswells Lodge Primary School when they are 3. Foundation Stage One is part time and the children attend in the morning.

The curriculum covers the seven areas of learning which are further split into more detailed aspects of learning. In FS1, we concentrate on the prime areas as these are the building blocks for the specific areas.

We use Cornerstones to provide a broad and balanced curriculum alongside adapting our activities to reflect the children's interests.

Prime Areas

- Communication and language
 - Listening, attention and understanding
 - Speaking
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 - Self-Regulation
 - Managing Self
 - Building Relationships
- Physical Development
 - Gross Motor Skills
 - Fine Motor Skills

Specific Areas

- Literacy
 - Comprehension
 - Word Reading
 - Writing
- Maths
 - Number
 - Numerical patterns
- Understanding the world
 - Past and Present
 - People, Culture and Communities
 - The Natural World
- Expressive Art and Design
 - Creating with Materials
 - Being imaginative and expressive

The School Day

Term Starts:

Wednesday 25th August

School day starts at:

8: 55 am

School day ends at:

11: 55 am



Dropping off and collection

Dropping off

You will drop your child off at the door to the classroom.

Collecting your child

We will see the children out one at a time to ensure each child goes to the correct adult. Once you have your child, please move away from the door to let other parents collect their child and to ensure this happens as efficiently as possible.

At the beginning of the year, this process may take longer as we get to know which adult is picking up which child.

School Uniform

It is expected that your child will attend school in their school uniform every day.

Trousers or Skirt: Grey

Dress: Grey pinafore dress or blue and white check summer dress

Polo top: White

Shirt: White

Jumper: Blue



Uniform with the school logo on can be purchased from [Uniform Direct](https://www.uniform-direct.com). You can either order online at www.uniform-direct.com or visit their shop, which is located in town at 54-56 Humberstone Gate, Leicester. LE1 3PJ

Play Based Learning

In FS1 we plan lots of activities that help prepare the children for full time school. We operate a play based curriculum where children learn through play.

Play based learning involves lots of messy activities both indoors and outdoors and although aprons are provided, they may come home dirty.



Outside Area

Our outside area includes water play so please provide your child with a pair of named wellies. These need to be kept in a bag, on their peg.



Milk and Fruit

Milk and fruit are provided free of charge every day.



Bagels

Bagels are brought to the classroom every morning.



Water



You can provide your child with a bottle of water which will be kept in the classroom. Please ensure that this is labelled with their name.

Stay and play

Every Wednesday is Stay and Play in the foundation stage.

After the first half term, parents and carers will be invited to stay with their children from 8:55 until 9:10 am.

During Stay and Play you will have the opportunity for your child to show you their favourite activities.



Learning Journeys

Our learning Journeys are online with a company called **Tapestry** we will upload photos and observations of what your child has been doing at school.

You can comment on what they have done and upload your own comments and photos of what your child as done at home too.

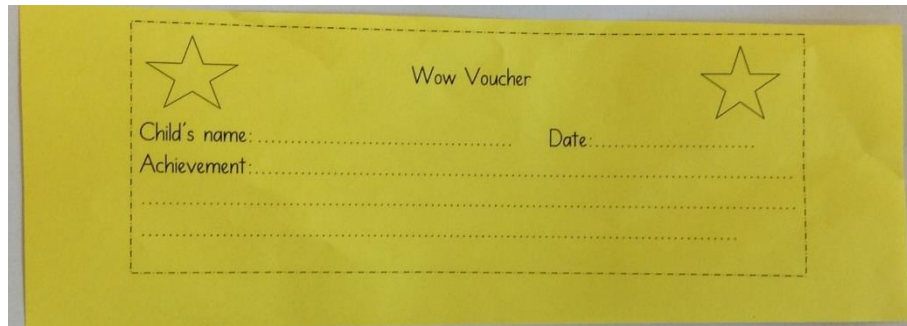
You will send you a link via your email to activate your account.

Each week we will have focus children who will have more observations uploaded.



Wow vouchers

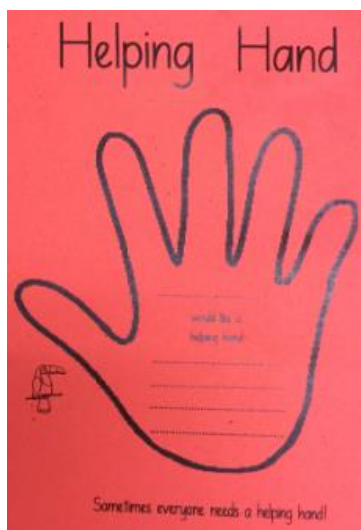
When your child achieves something at home, please fill in a Wow voucher to let us know what they have done e.g. put their socks on independently.



These can be found on the parents' board, which you can pick up during stay and play.

Helping Hand

If your child needs some support with something we have covered in school, we will send home a helping hand. Once they are confident e.g. can now count to ten, fill in the back of the helping hand and return it to school.



Homework

Reading

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record your comments in their reading journal. These should be kept in their book bag and brought to school each day. The school will provide you with a book bag.



Your child will also be assigned a book on **Collins Big Cat** which are ebooks.



Seesaw

Other homework will be set on Seesaw, which is an online learning platform, each week. You will be sent a code to access your child's journal.



Toucan's Diary

Each day a child will take home the class Toucan. Please help them to draw and write what they have done with the Toucan that night.



Preparing your child for school

Before your child starts school it will help them if they can do some things independently, for example:

- Be able to go to the toilet by themselves.
- Wash and dry their own hands.
- Put on their coat and fasten it.
- Drink from a cup without spilling.
- Wipe and blow their own nose.
- Listen to others and stories.



General Points

Attendance

If your child cannot attend school, please phone the office to inform us of why they are off school.



Picking up

You will need to fill in a form stating who is allowed to pick up your child. If a different person arrives to pick up your child they will not be allowed to take them. In the case of an emergency please phone the school office to tell them who will be picking up your child.