

Welcome To
Mapplewells Primary and
Nursery School
Foundation Stage One



Staff



Hi, my name is Mr Whittle and I am the Headteacher at Mapplewells.

I enjoy spending time with my sons and watching Nottingham Forest football team.

Hi, my name is Mr Latkowski and I am the Deputy Headteacher at Mapplewells.

I enjoy spending time with my family, playing golf and football with my son and going running.





Hello, my name is Mrs Holmes. I am the Foundation Stage Leader and the F2 teacher in Birch Class.

At the weekends I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and planning the next holiday/adventure! I also love taking my dog Teddy on walks.

Hi, my name is Miss Spurr and I am the F1 teacher in Ash Class.

At the weekend, I love spending time with my friends and having fun together. I also enjoy going for long walks with my dog, Dottie. One of my favourite things about the weekend is sitting down with my family for a yummy Sunday dinner!



My name is Mrs Smith. I am the current F1 teaching assistant.

I have two children and a dog called Denzel. I love going on long walks with my family and enjoy spending time with my friends.



Belongings



When you come into school you will need to hang your coat & bags on your peg, where you will find a picture of you and your name. You will put your water bottle in the baskets and your lunchbox in the trolley box. You will then come and sit on the carpet in your carpet spot.

Please make sure that any belongings that come into school have your child's name in.

Learning

Curriculum

Each term the whole school follow the same driver; Autumn is History, Spring is Geography and Summer is Art. Each year group then has their own enquiry question which the learning is then based around.

Children will complete a piece of work per week which will link to the curriculum question. At the start of the year these might be presented in a drawing, model, as a video or scribed by an adult following the child's dictation. However, as the year progresses children will begin to have a go at recording their ideas in written form.

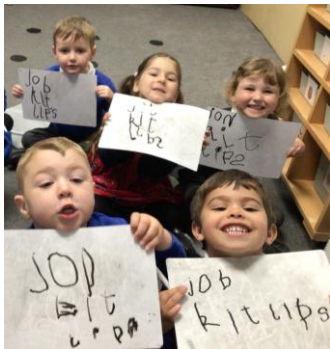
Each term we read a variety of stories linked to the enquiry and the provision is then set up to enhance and support the children's learning. We have two curriculum lessons each week, one focusing on the driver subject and one focusing on the enhancer subject.

We also have an enquiry table within the provision to allow children to apply their knowledge independently.

Phonics

Phonics is taught through the 'No Nonsense Phonics Programme' throughout the school, with 'Teeney Reading Seeds' being used in F1, which compliments and leads into the No Nonsense Phonics scheme.

In F1 children have a 20 minutes phonics session every day - initially children will concentrate on environmental sounds, percussion sounds and body sounds (e.g. clap, stamp etc), Then from Spring onwards children will be encouraged to recognise codes (letters) and the sounds that they make. This will give them a fantastic foundation of learning to aid with beginning to read.



Reading

Your child will bring home 3 reading books:

- A reading for pleasure book
- A fluency book that they should be able to read 95% of independently
- An independent book that they should be able to read 90% of independently

Initially the reading books will have no words, but we encourage that you still spend time looking at the pictures and asking questions, or getting the children to suggest what might be happening in them.

We recommend that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week (every night from F2 onwards) and that you record all reading in their 'Reading Records' - 3 x per week minimum. Your child will be given an allocated reading day where they will read to an adult and have their book swapped however we expect children to have their reading record and books in school with them every day.

Exploration Time



Children have lots of time to explore throughout the day in the different areas of the classroom. We have the following areas; reading garden, construction, home corner, small world, fine motor, creative, maths, writing, enquiry and also our shared outdoor space with F2. All activities link to one of the 7 areas; **Communication & 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, **Understanding the World**; Past and Present, People, Culture and Communities, The Natural World and **Expressive arts and Design**; Creating with Materials, Being Imaginative and Expressive.

Forest School



Each week we love going to Forest School with our Forest School Lead. We have a mud kitchen, a log pit where you can build dens, a bug hotel and lots more. If you want to climb trees, swing on tyre swings or climb rope ladders you can. It's up to you what you do. We also have teacher led activities for you to do so you will be super busy! We like to get very muddy and have lots of fun. Please be aware that clothes may get dirty so send your child in old, warm clothes on the day. Children will wear wellies and these can stay in school on our wellie trolley. Waterproofs are provided by the school however you are welcome to provide your own. Controlled risk taking is encouraged and we go in all weathers - unless it is deemed as dangerous.

Snack Time

Each day we have snack time. During this time the children are able to have a piece of fruit and a carton of milk or their water bottle.

Milk is provided by a company called Cool Milk. This is free for under 5's but you need to register in order for your child to have it. Once your child turns 5 you will need to register again and pay for milk if you wish for your child to have it in school.

Fruit is free for ALL children and fruit that is in season will be sent. However if you think your child might not like the fruit provided you are welcome to send a piece of fruit of your choice

Dinner Time



At 11:30am it's time for lunch. We have our dinner with the other children in F1 and F2. The menus are available on the website for children having school dinners or you are welcome to bring your own packed lunch from home. Our midday supervisors are always around to support! After we have had our dinner, we go outside to play.

WOW Cards



Each half term we give out WOW cards to be filled out at home. If you have a WOW card from home, your teacher will share it with the class.

We then put our WOW cards on our WOW display board so that everyone can see how great we are.

Wider Opportunities/Extra-Curricular



At Mapplewells we pride ourselves on the wider opportunities that we offer and the extra-curricular activities that take place.

We love going on trips and where possible try and plan trips that link to the enquiry and enhance the children's learning. This can sometimes be a trip out somewhere or it might be a visitor/expert coming into school.



We take part in a nativity and celebrate our whole school Christingle during the second part of Autumn term.

We have discos every term where we get to dance with our friends, play games & win prizes!

We also have a 'Star of the Week' award and reading raffle that we draw every Friday - the children are always proud to be winners!

