

Welcome To  
Mapplewells Primary and  
Nursery School  
*Foundation Stage Two*



# 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!

Hi, my name is Mrs Downie and I am one of the F2 teachers in Elder Class.

At the weekend I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my two daughters. I love camping in France and spending time on the beach.



Hello, my name is Mrs Blackwell. I am one of the F2 teachers in Elder class.

At the weekends I enjoy spending days out with my little boy, Benjamin! We love to play outdoors and go on walks.

# 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 box and your lunchbox on the shelf. 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 within their enquiry books with adult support. 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.

## Literacy

Literacy is taught everyday by the class teacher in home classes. The children will also be working within a smaller focus group with their class teacher to complete activities in their Literacy books. This will then move to whole class during the Summer term.

## Phonics

Phonics is taught through the 'No Nonsense Phonics Programme' throughout the school. The children will complete a phonics screening check in the Summer term of year 1. Children are assessed in phonics every half term, this then informs us what book the children should be on. Daily sessions are taught in home classes by the class teacher.

## 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



We recommend that your child reads at home every night 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.

We also follow 'Launchpad Reading'. This is where we all read the same book for a week at the same time and practice and develop our comprehension skills.

## Maths

Maths is taught everyday by the class teacher in home classes. The children will also be working within a smaller focus group with their class teacher to complete activities in their Maths books, again moving to whole class during the Summer term.

# 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 forest, construction, role play, Maths, Literacy, fine motor, creative, enquiry and also our shared outdoor space with FI. 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.

## 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 love celebrating during our Foundation Graduation.

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

