

Welcome to Woodmancote



Welcome from Mr Tucker

Headteacher for 18 years, first at Temple Guiting and then, since 2008 at Woodmancote. Have lived in Gloucestershire since 1985, when I started my studies at College of St Paul and St Mary's.

- Advocate for children from Disadvantaged backgrounds and for Inclusion
- Keen historian and gardener
- Highlight of the year is the Year 6 Residential trip!



Welcome from Mrs Badham

I have been at Woodmancote since 1994.
I am the Deputy Head and Early Years lead,
which involves leading Little Chestnuts
and Reception.

I love the outdoors and am a qualified Forest School
leader.



Mrs Baxter

I have been a teacher for 18 years. 11 of these have been at Woodmancote.

I have taught lots of different year groups but have been in Reception for the last 5 years. I am very passionate about teaching children to read and write and I love the fun and excitement that being in Early Years brings!

I will be part of our School Improvement team from September and will be teaching in Oak Class Wednesday – Friday.



Mrs Skerry

I have been at Woodmancote for 5 years, mainly in Little Chestnuts. I am passionate about early years and love getting to know each child individually.

From September I will be teaching Oak class on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Mrs Dodwell

I have been teaching for 19 years, 18 of which has been here at Woodmancote. I have taught across KS1, but mainly in Reception which is my favourite year group!

In September, I will be teaching in Ash Class on Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday.



Mrs Howard

I have been teaching for 13 years. I have been at Woodmancote for 9 years. This will be my third year teaching in Reception in Ash Class alongside Mrs Dodwell. I love teaching children all about our wonderful world!

I will teach Ash Class on Thursdays, Fridays and every other Wednesday.



Teaching Assistants

Our wonderful teaching assistants will be working alongside our teachers to support your children.

Mrs
Meadows

Mrs
Hannaford-
George

Mrs
Minett

Mrs
Lockey

Mrs
Harper

Mrs Rees

The start of your child's school journey.

We have seen it all before...probably!

You've met the team who are very experienced.

You know class: **Ash**



Oak



House: Leckhampton, Cleeve, Nottingham, Malvern.

Welcome Pack – is full of very important information,
please do read it.



Toilets

Children should be mostly Independent including bottom wiping.

Practice over summer if necessary.

Please talk to us if this is not the case.



Uniform – School Togs

Please practice with it so that your child is confident putting it on and off when they start school.

NAME ON EVERYTHING PLEASE!!

Lunches



Universal free school meals

Order each day from meat option, vegetarian option and jacket potato.

Reception staff in hall for first 15 mins

Nurture Lunch in class for those with sensory issues





PE

Children will keep a PE kit in school on their peg.

Children initially will be doing PE inside so will just need a PE T-shirt (in their house colour) and black shorts.

Practising changing in and out of PE kit before school starts is really helpful



Morning snack

Each morning we stop for a snack. We sit at our classroom tables and enjoy chatting with our classmates and eating our snacks together.

Children are given a fruit or vegetable snack. They can choose to have milk to drink or to drink water from their water bottle.

Milk is free until your child is five.



Free-flow

When children are exploring our continuous provision, they are able to free flow through our two reception classrooms and our outside area. They can choose activities and play in either classrooms or outside during this time.

Opportunities to explore a variety of areas of learning. For example : role play area, construction toys, play dough and fine motor activities, colouring or creative activities and large construction or obstacle courses outside



Outdoor Learning

Each week we visit our Outdoor Learning area. Children will come to school wear non uniform for this day (Day of the week TBC). They should wear long sleeved tops and trousers. They will need to change into waterproofs (coat, trousers or all in one) and wellies ready for the session. The sessions are great fun!



Phonics and Early Reading

We encourage a love of reading!
Use Rocket Phonics Programme - begins straight away. Use Dojo to update sounds learnt. Support at home is vital to help children become happy, successful readers!



What does a typical day look like?

Our day is made up of:

- Short whole class carpet sessions
- Individual and group adult led learning tasks
- Independent play opportunities both inside and outside.

We cover all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum whilst developing routines, fostering existing and new friendships and engaging and exciting children in their learning.



What did you do
at school today?

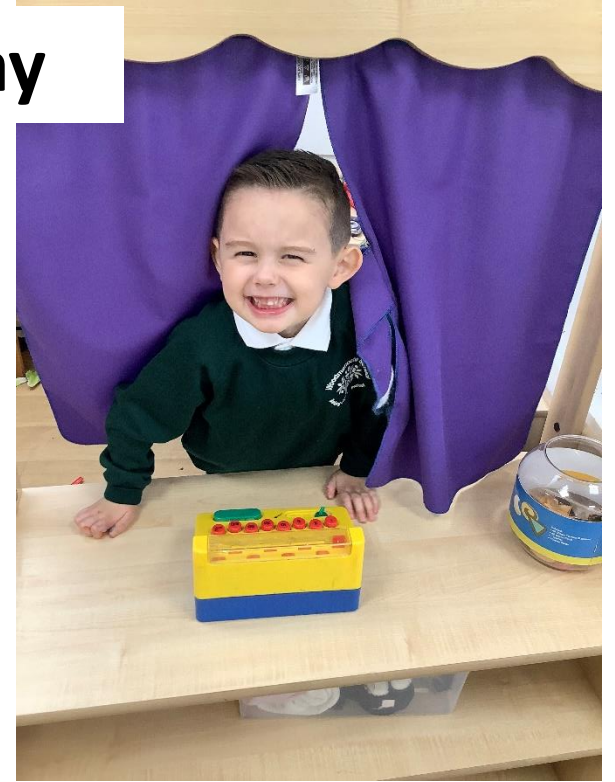


**Number
work**



**Making
friends**

Role Play



**Construction and
Small world play**



**Developing
our physical
skills**

**Learning new
routines**

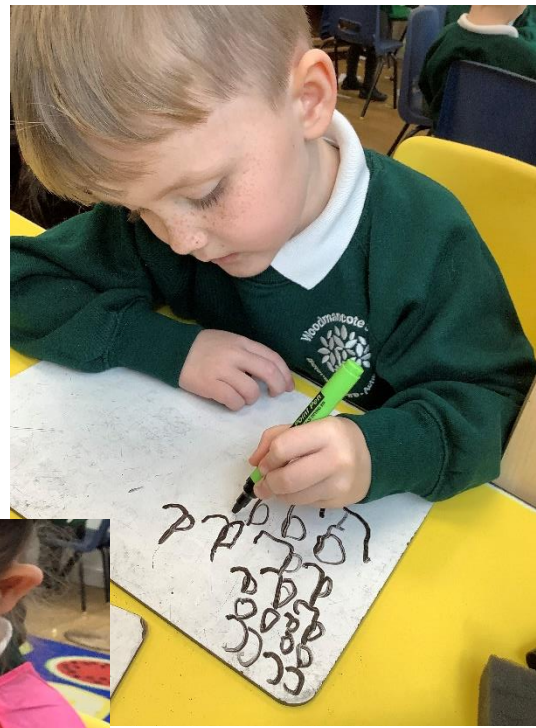


**Exploring
the world
around us**



Developing confidence

Being creative



Phonics – learning to read and write





We've had fun exploring our new classrooms and meeting our teachers.



We met our friends.....



....and started making new friends!



We can't wait for
September!