

# Welcome to Little Owl Class 2023/2024



We are Little Owl Class!



Can you spot the Little Owl on each page?

# Meet the EYFS Team



Hello! Welcome to Little Owl Class. My name is Mrs Park and I will be your Class Teacher in September.

I am very excited to join you on your learning journey. We will have lots of fun together, making new friends, learning and developing new skills. I love puppets and reading stories. My favourite story is The Gruffalo. What is your favourite story?



Mrs Burman: Learning Support Assistant

Hello! I will be with you every day, all day helping you to be the best you can be. We will have fun learning phonics together and being creative in the classroom. I love exploring the classroom and outdoor learning and seeing where our adventures take us.

This will be your classroom in September!



This is our Art area where you can be very creative. You can choose to do painting, drawing, junk modelling or play with playdough.



We have a writing and maths area where you learn how to practise writing your name, letter sounds, recognise numbers and solve mathematical problems.



This is our reading area where you can choose to chill out, relax and enjoy reading lots of different books on your own or with a friend.



This is our Snack area in our Open Café called Little Acorn Café.



You can choose to have milk or water, a piece of fruit at any point in the day. We also make things to eat in our café too like honey on toast, biscuits and pancakes.



## Our Role-play area



This is where you will hang your coat up in the morning.



Your bottle of water will be kept here in the trays by Little Acorn café.



You will have your own drawer and you can keep your book bag in here.





The corridor leads you to the hall where we have PE, assemblies and eat our lunch. You can have a packed lunch or a hot dinner.



This door leads to our outdoor area. You can choose to play and work inside or outside the classroom, during our 'izzy wizzy let's get busy' times.





This will be your outdoor area!



We have a water tray



a mud kitchen



and a sandpit, that also becomes a stage to perform on!



# Things to bring to school



Keep your PE kit in school ready for our PE sessions every Monday and Thursday



We love to play outside every day so bring a pair of wellies to school. You can leave them on our welly rack.

Remember to bring your book bag to school with you every day.

Fresh fruit will be provided every day.

Milk until the age of 5. Please complete the form provided in your welcome pack.



Please ask the adult who looks after you to make sure **everything** you bring to school has your name on it. This will help you to be more independent and look after your own things. Thank you



It is a good idea to have spare clothes and underwear kept in school, just in case!

There will be a free hot school dinner for you, but you can bring a packed lunch if you'd prefer.



## Information for your grown ups



## Our school day

**8:30 Children come into school via the main gates leading into the playground. Mrs Park will be there to welcome you.**

You will have a short time to give your child a big hug, say goodbye and come into your classroom. Mrs Burman will meet your child inside and help them with their belongings.

The school gate will close at 8:40. If you are running late and the gate is closed, please come to the main office.

**12:00 Lunch time**

**3:10 Home time**

Please wait outside the Little Owl classroom which faces the playground. Mrs Park will match children to their adult.

\* Book bags to be brought in every day\*.

Progress in reading is logged through a home/school dialogue in a children's reading diary. A Phonics book and a special library book will be sent home each week. Varied homework tasks are issued throughout the year in the form of our 'Chatter boxes' (we will make these in class). The Chatter boxes will be purposeful to their learning and mainly practical

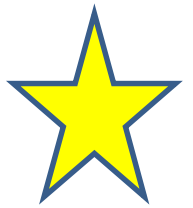


based, that supports all areas of the EYFS Curriculum, particularly in speaking and listening.

Photos and news will be updated on our school newsletter and website.  
<https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/welcome>

## **Parents as partners**

We recognise that you are your child's first and most enduring educators and therefore place high value on the information and opinions you share with us. We will be giving out stars throughout the year for you to write down your child's achievements on, to celebrate and share with the class.



If you wish to share any information, you are welcome to speak to Mrs Park or Mrs Burman before or after school. If you feel there is a concern that needs more time, please arrange an appointment with Mrs Park. You are also welcome to use our email: [admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk) or send a message on Class Dojo, however if it is immediate, please contact the office.

## **Ongoing involvement**

- There will be termly opportunities for parents to and celebrate successes and/or share any concerns at parent/teacher consultations.
- Mrs Park will add a summary of the week's learning on Class Dojo every Friday, repeated in the school's newsletter emailed every Friday.

## How to help your child prepare for starting school, here are some things you could do over the summer...

- Encourage independence by helping your child to do the following on their own:
  - Use the toilet, wipe themselves and wash their hands
  - Get dressed and undressed
  - Put on and fasten their coats
  - Use a knife and fork to eat
- Help them to build their social skills by giving them opportunities to:
  - Play games involving sharing and turn taking
  - Mix with children of a similar age
  - Have discussions, e.g. about experiences, events, topics of interest
- Help your child to build their self-esteem and self-worth:
  - Value and praise their efforts
  - Explain why any inappropriate actions are inappropriate
- Help your child develop gross motor skills by giving them opportunities to:
  - Run, jump, climb and play outdoors
  - Make letters, numbers and pictures

- Help them develop their fine motor skills by giving them opportunities to:
  - Practise with buttons and zips
  - Draw and paint
  - Thread beads and ribbons
  
- Have discussions with your child:
  - Regularly talk about what to expect at school and what they are looking forward to
  - Answer their questions
  - Encourage children to speak in full sentences
  - Model correct pronunciation of words
  - Have a little practise getting dressed in their uniform and walk/drive the route to school.
  
- Help develop your child's interest in stories:
  - Sign songs and read stories to and with your child
  - Talk about key events and characters in a story
  - Make up stories for and with your child

**Please use this website to follow activities and gain valuable resources to help your child become ready for school**

<https://www.tlc-essex.info/>

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Park and the EYFS Team