

Our Lake Teaching Team.

The staff working in Lake Class are:

- ❖ **Mrs Hoddell** (Class Teacher Monday –Thursday in the classroom and working outside the classroom Friday mornings)
- ❖ **Mrs Butcher** (Class Teacher – Friday)

Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs Wilkinson (mornings) and Mrs Jobling or Mrs Tester (afternoons).

What does my child need at school every day?

- A named and full water bottle.
- A named coat
- A named book bag
- Wellies (these should be kept in school)
- Please do not send in big bags or ruck sacks - we do not have the space!

Keeping Healthy!

Your child's water bottle will be kept in the snack area of our classroom so that he or she can access their drinks at any point of the school day! Parents can also sign up for milk! Please see the school office for details.

We provide a healthy fruit snack for your child to enjoy at school. Please do not send in any other snacks!

Welcome to Lake Class!

What is it like to be in Lake?



We asked the children in Lake what our class is like and they said..

'Magical things happen in Lake class!'

'We do lots of different things and have lots of surprises!'

'The best thing about school is that everyone is your best friend.'

In Lake class, we enjoy spending time talking to the children, listening to their ideas and observing them. We love discovering what excites and motivates them as well as of course the skills, knowledge and understanding that they have about the world around them. This helps us to plan the best possible curriculum that matches not only their learning needs but also their interests. This ensures that children are engaged in a curriculum that is relevant and that motivates them to learn.

Every day children will have opportunities to:

- Learn, play and explore in our indoor and outdoor learning environments, setting their own goals and challenges as to what they can create – developing self-confidence and independence
- Develop friendships with a range of different children – learning to share, take turns and learn from each other
- Learn with adults in small teams or on a one to one the skills, knowledge and understanding about the world around them in learning tasks matched to their individual needs
- Enjoy songs, stories, rhymes every day to develop an enjoyment of words and stories and of books
- Take part in daily opportunities to develop as confident communicators who are able to listen, talk and explain their ideas about their experiences
- Engage in daily phonics and reading activities – learning to read, step by step, sound by sound
- Participate in daily mathematical activities
- Be active in the great outdoors!

Physical Development

Every day children will be engaged in some form of physical activity. Therefore, every day they could be climbing on the outdoor apparatus, dancing in the hall or playing games in the ball court!

PE days are every Monday and Friday and so children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days.

Please see your 'Starting School' booklet for PE kit lists.

Reading at home together

In order to foster a love of reading, children will have an opportunity to choose a story book from our class library to share and talk about at home with their family. We refer to this book as a **'sharing book.'** New 'sharing books' come home each week. Children love this! Children will also bring home a phonic **reading book** to share with their families that is matched to their phonic skills so that they can share what they have been learning at school with you and rehearse their new skills.

We would love children have a reading experience at home every day, whether it is sharing a 'sharing book,' talking about it, or rehearsing phonic skills when reading a phonic book.