



# Bishops Lydeard Early Years Foundation Stage

Welcome to Ladybird Class!



## Dates:

### Stay and play

We will be offering 2 stay and play sessions, where the children can come and join us in school and stay and play in the classroom.

Wednesday 20th July 'Stay and Play' 9:30- 10:30

Thursday 21st July 'Stay and Play' 1:45- 2:45

### Home visits:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August between 10am and 4pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September between 9:30am and 5:30pm.

The visits are 20minutes and the school office will contact you to book in a time.

### Starting school:

The Reception children will start full time on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### Visiting nursery settings:

We will also be speaking with your child's current preschool/nursery setting and will arrange visits where appropriate.

## Early Years Vision at Bishops Lydeard Church School

In the Early Years at Bishops Lydeard Church School we want our children to be happy, confident, independent, reflective, respectful and resilient individuals who have a love of learning and are positive about their own identity. This will be fostered within a Christian environment.

We believe in providing all children with a safe and stimulating environment that builds on individual's needs and interests and provides them with opportunities to reflect our school vision of **'life in all its fullness'**.

Children should have the opportunity to learn through play, where learning is fun, engaging and suitably challenging. We value the importance of our EYFS environment and believe that it offers children the opportunity to develop their thinking and problem-solving skills. Adults provide high-quality interactions and role models for learning.

We are committed to providing children the best possible start to their school life. We are dedicated to teaching our children life-long skills and giving them experiences which will ensure their well-being and success now and in the future.



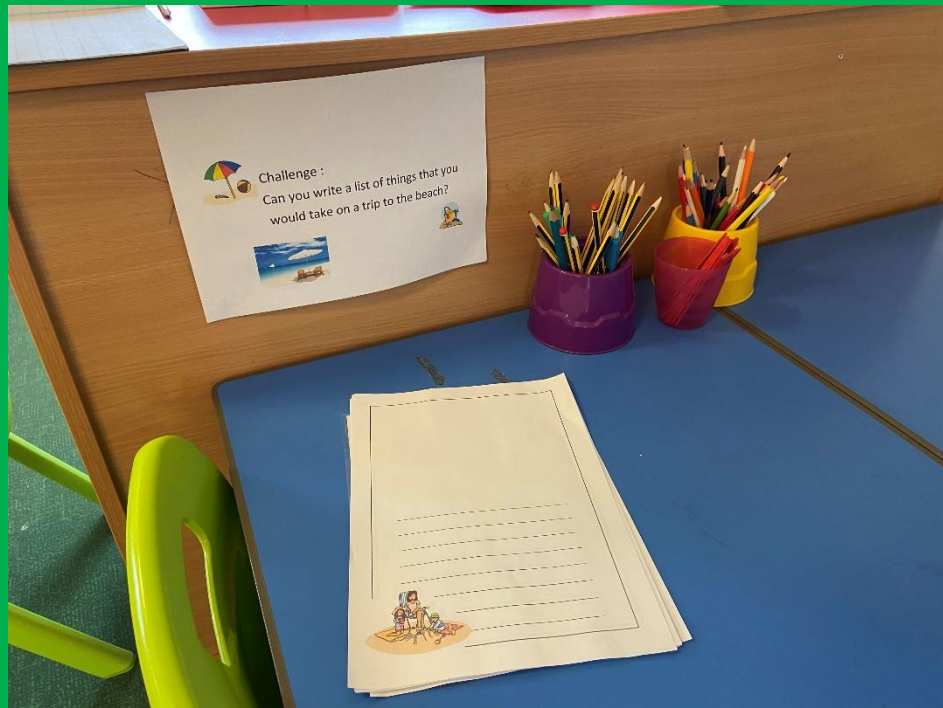




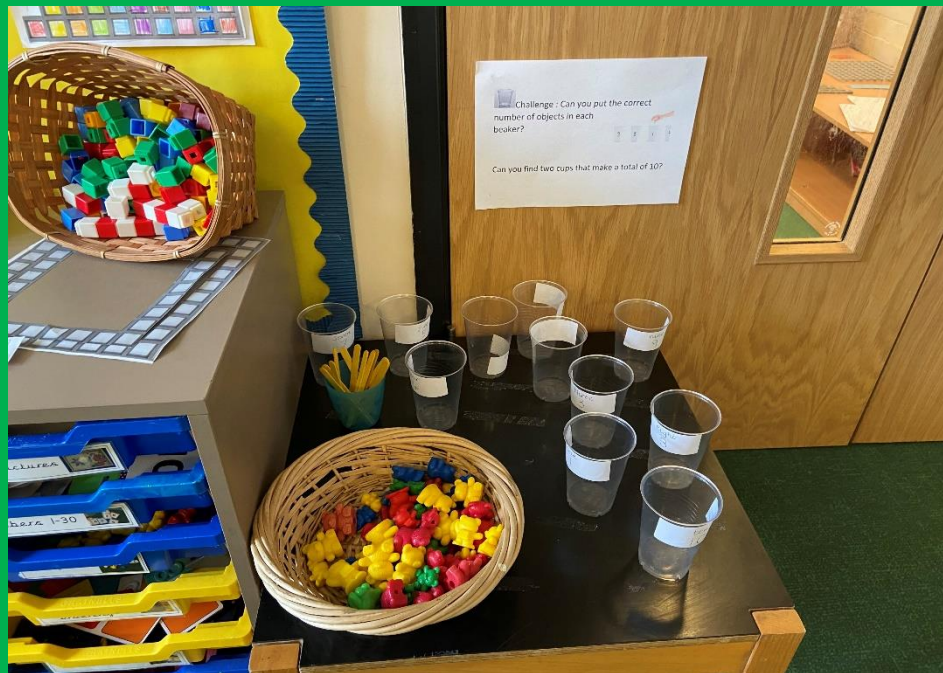
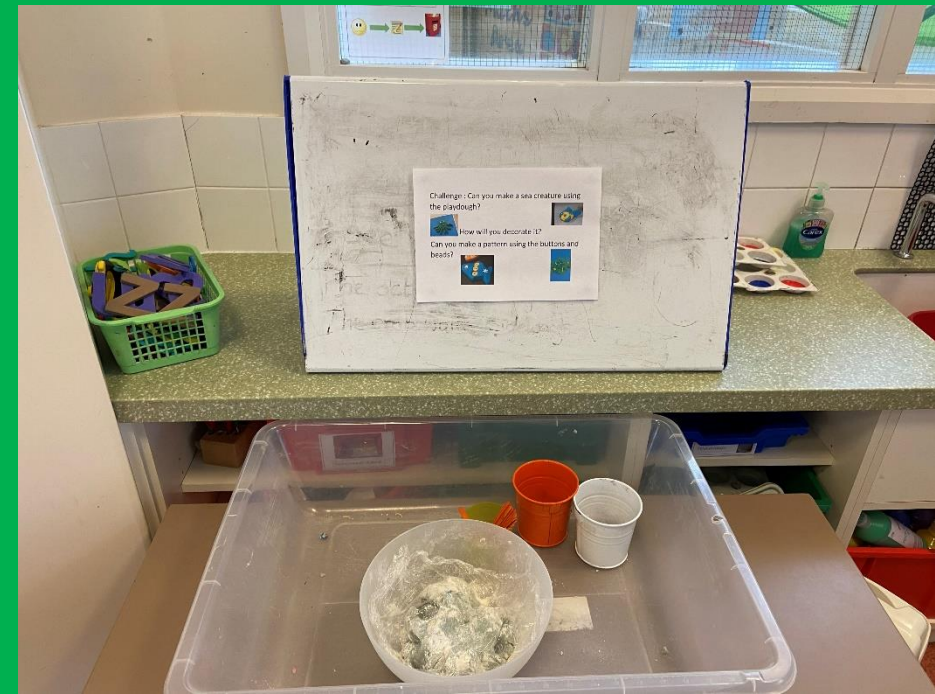
These are some pictures of our Reception classroom. The role play corner changes every time we have a new story ie Rainbow Fish, Jack and the Beanstalk.







We have 'challenge' activities in different areas of our Reception classroom.





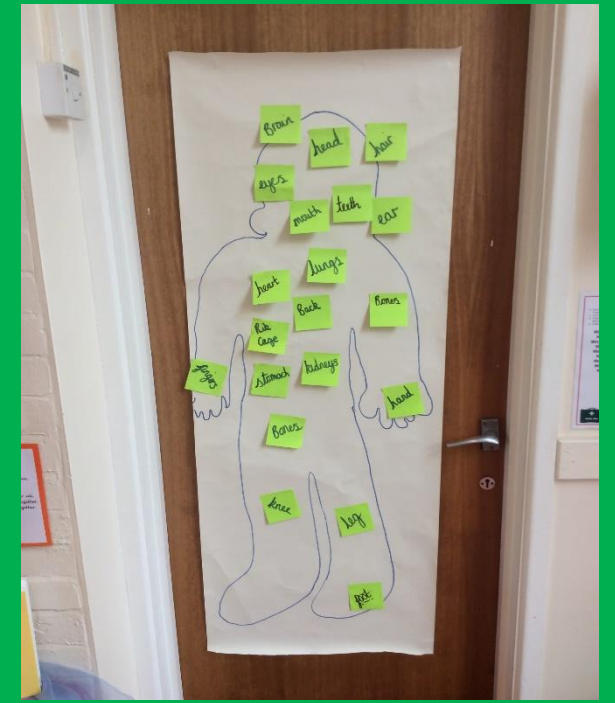




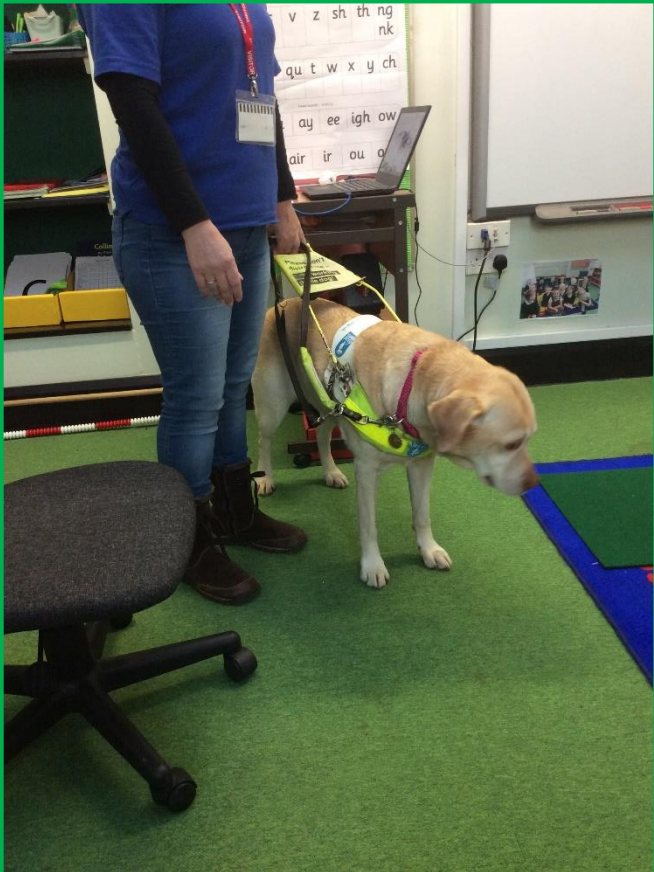
We like to do many fun activities to help with our learning.













Please see our EYFS page on the school website for more photos and EYFS information:

<https://bishopslydeardbwmat.org/curriculum-and-learning/eyfs/>

Please see our Ladybird class page on the school website:

<https://bishopslydeardbwmat.org/class-pages/ladybird-class/>

Throughout the year we also visit the church and village library regularly and walk around the village. We have visits from the local Co-op, Guide Dogs association, Little Knox First Aid, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and many more. We also take part in whole school events, for example Enterprise Week and Carnival Friday!



## **How do we work in EYFS?**

We have 3 main 'topics' planned throughout the year and link key texts to these topics. Please see the Curriculum website page for further information. We also have themed days and cultural events, which we use to further learning. We are currently a R/Y1 mix.

We use a cycle of observation, assessment and planning. We ensure that we meet the needs of the children through their interests.

We use Read, Write, Inc for our phonics teaching- this is a daily session and phonics is taught from Day 1.

We use Talk for Writing to help the children learn stories and the structure/language of non-fiction and poetry texts. We teach the children cursive script for their handwriting. We have a well-stocked marking making area in class.

We use the White Rose Scheme for Maths and ensure maths is throughout the setting and accessible for free flow learning.

We work in a range of ways from whole class, to small groups to partners and 1:1.

We promote independence and resilience and encourage the children to try many things on their own.

We use free flow learning inside and outside and activities are carefully chosen to match the children's needs and interests and to support their next steps in their learning.

We use green lever arch files to record learning but also use floor books and the school website to share learning with families.



## How does EYFS work continued....

We use the inside and outside areas together and the door to the outside remains open so children can free flow through. Children who go outside are taught to put on a fluorescent yellow jacket.

The children will have PE and will need a PE kit in school- we will advise you of the day the PE kit needs to be in school.

Each child will have their own cloakroom pegs with names and photos on.

## Reading books in Reception

Initially we send home 'sharing books' for families to read together.

The children will need a book bag to keep their reading books in.

After a few weeks in the setting the children will start to bring home phonetically matched books.

They will have a yellow reading record to record their reading in.

We are really looking forward to meeting you soon 😊

