

A Day In the life of a Reception Child

MORNING

We are very busy little people in our Reception classes! Although we may come home and only describe what we had for lunch, the following photographs help to show the different parts of their exciting day at school!

We come into school and independently put away our own book bags, water bottles and snack pots. At the beginning of each day we take the register to help us get to know our class friends. We look at our visual timetable and talk about the day ahead.



Next, it is 'Busy Bee' time. We can choose from a wide variety of activities to explore. We have access to our beautiful garden and balcony area every day. At this time, some of us could be busy working with an adult – doing some super reading, practising our number bonds to 10 or learning about houses around the world!



During 'Busy Bee' time we can choose when we have our snack. This is a great time for us to talk to our friends about our weekend and home life.



Just before lunch, we sit down together for our phonics session. We practise using our phonics knowledge to read and write. We match words and sentences with pictures or we write our own sentences.



AFTERNOON

We all enjoy our lunch together in the hall.



Our afternoons are very busy too. We start our afternoon with our 'handwriting carousel' and then we set off for more 'Busy Bee' time.



During our week we have opportunities to learn about other areas of the curriculum such as: P.E, PSHE or Forest Schools.



At the end of the day, we have collective worship. This may involve reading a class story book or learning about celebrations or seasons. We have our '5-minute maths' time, recapping on skills we have learnt during the week. We quite often have singing time before we collect all of our things to go home. It's no wonder we are tired by the end of the day!



IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL?

One minute your little one was learning to walk and now here they are getting ready to start school. Your child will feel safe, happy and hopefully love coming to school every day under the care of our very experienced team at Abbot's Hall.

School readiness is about being socially and emotionally prepared, as well as having personal care, language and motor skills. We encourage you to share as many books with your child at home as exposure to books is key. Craft skills such as cutting and drawing will also help your child in their early writing.

The most important skills you can prepare your child with are those of personal and social development. When they first start school, children find themselves in a class of peers, some of whom they already know, but some will be new. Encouraging your child to share and cooperate with others is essential for when they start school.

At Abbot's Hall we teach the children to become independent. You can help your child with this by making sure they are well prepared when going to the toilet (pulling their clothes up and down, wiping and washing their hands).

We understand that you may be feeling sad and emotional on the day, but try to hide this. Big smiles and lots of confidence is needed. Some children love it, some are a little confused and some may cry. There are lots of new elements to get used to but before you know it they have got over their initial worries and love and enjoy school.

We can't wait to get to know your little one and have them join our Abbot's Hall family.

"The first day of school is the first step in a great adventure."



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