



# WELCOME TO DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL







## Headteacher's Welcome



“We are delighted that you have chosen our school to begin your child’s educational journey. We know that selecting a school is a significant decision for families, and we are dedicated to building a strong partnership with you to support your child’s learning, development and social and emotional growth. Through our school’s core values, we strive to encourage and guide each child to reach their highest potential across all they do. We look forward to supporting your child in achieving success and happiness in their school life”.

Victoria Langley  
Head of School





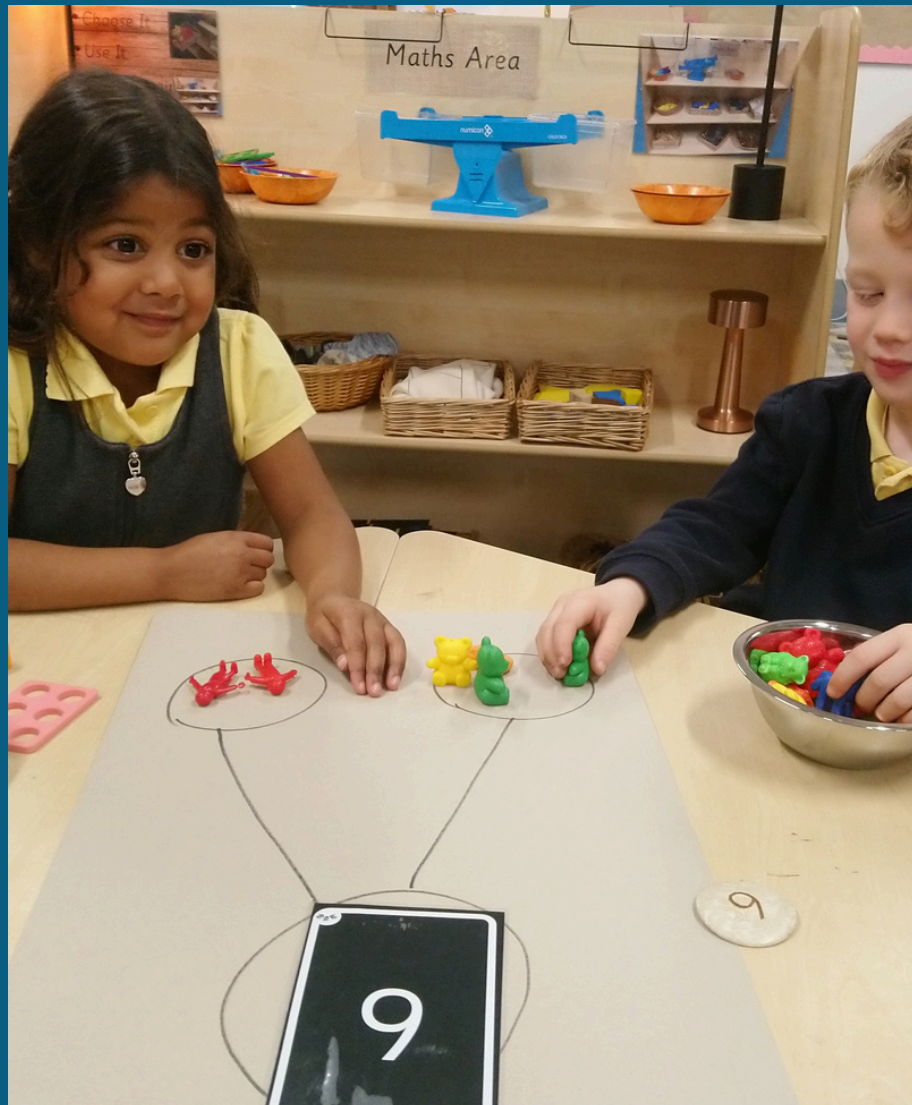
## Curriculum



We aim to provide an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum that prepares children to meet their Early Learning Goals. Our curriculum builds on what the children already know and is age and stage related.

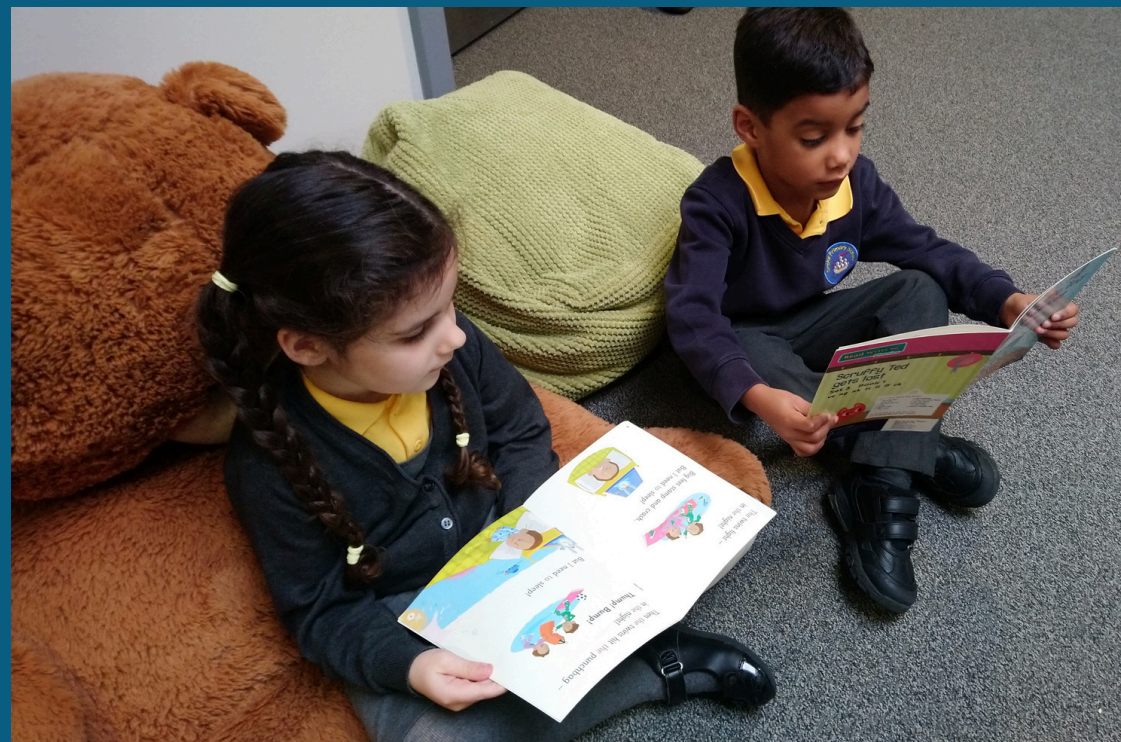
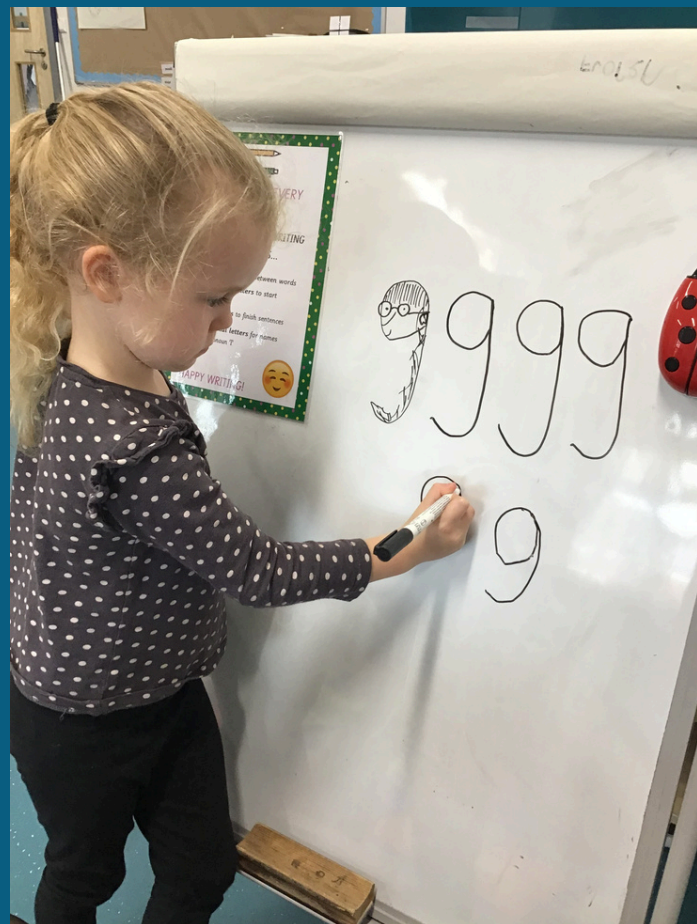
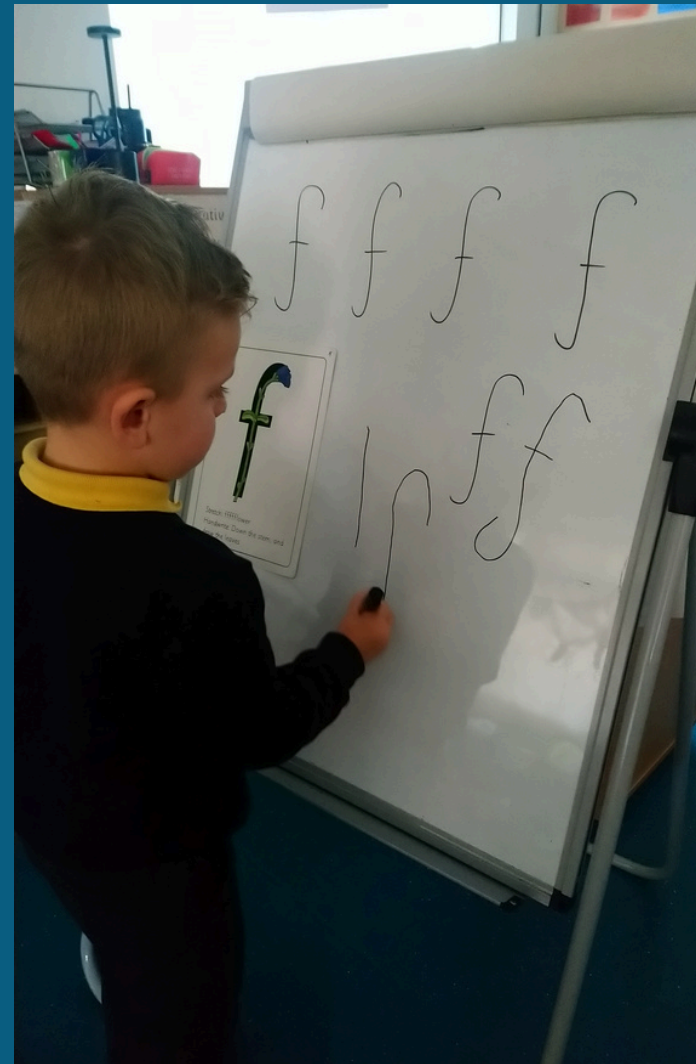
We focus on depth of learning, giving children many opportunities to visit concepts to gain a deep understanding.

Stories are at the heart of our curriculum supporting language development and a love of reading. We prioritise hands on and real-life experiences and value outdoor learning. Trips and visits are planned for each term to enhance curriculum learning.





## Read Write Inc.



## Phonics



At Drake Primary School, every child is taught a range of strategies to support their development to become a confident, independent reader. In the Foundation stage children develop their phonic knowledge to decode more complex words through the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. This involves participation in daily phonics sessions, grouped by existing phonic knowledge. The children learn the sounds and how to blend and segment them as a class and with partner practice. The children also learn to read common exception words in these sessions. Learners then use their phonics skills to read levelled Read Write Inc. reading books in class and at home.



## Outdoor Learning



Children and adults at Drake, value and embrace outdoor learning and time spent in nature.

Through our open-ended resources and careful provision planning, our children use the outdoors as an extension of the classroom. There are spaces to encourage independence, communication, creativity and collaboration. Our environments are monitored, planned and adapted to meet children's needs and the intent of our ambitious curriculum.

### Woodland Wanderers

Children participate regularly in forest school throughout their time at Drake, giving them opportunities to succeed, develop confidence and build self-esteem through hands-on learning in a woodland environment.





## Parents as Partners



At Drake Primary School, we value our partnership with parents/carers. We use Tapestry, an online learning journal to share children's progress and to celebrate achievements.

There are lots of opportunities to find out more about how to support your child at home with regular parent cafés and parent consultations.

We share learning in our class assemblies and love opportunities to celebrate alongside parents in our community events.

Our website is updated regularly to to share our school learning.





# Transitions



Transitions at Drake Primary School are well supported to ensure children are ready for their next phase of education. All children receive a home visit to provide an opportunity to meet in an environment where they are confident and secure. Parents are able to share information about their child's interests, needs and achievements. We visit the children and meet with staff at the children's current early years settings. There are opportunities to visit school including a family stay and play session in the Summer Term. This enables the children to become familiar with staff, begin to feel comfortable in our school environment and have the opportunity to meet classmates. A transition evening will provide parents/carers with essential information about starting school and transition arrangements.





## Extended School



Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am The aim of our Breakfast Club is to provide the children with a positive start to their day in a relaxed and friendly environment. Children will enjoy sitting with their friends and having a nutritious breakfast before taking part in one of the many activities on offer.



The After School Club is open until 5:30pm and provides a relaxed environment to support children's individual interests. Activities are designed to be engaging and challenging for the ages and abilities of each child. There are a range of indoor and outdoor activities. Children have tea at approximately 4:30 p.m and this will include a range of hot or cold food such as wraps, pasta and beans on toast.

**Relaxed environment**

**Healthy Food**

**Nurturing Staff**

**Outdoor Play**

**Online Booking**





## Our Vision, Mission and Values



### OUR VISION

Our school and curriculum empower pupils to be advocates and agents of change for a more sustainable world.

### OUR MISSION

- We are imaginative: we dream, read and travel.
- We are inquisitive: we listen, question and challenge.
- We are disciplined: we improve, hone and practise. We are collaborative: we share, connect and support.
- We are persistent: we dare, struggle and stick at it.

**Courage**

**Aspiration**

**Hope**

**Forgiveness**

**Kindness**

**Love**

**Trust**

**Respect**