

In Reception at James Elliman Academy, your child will be seen as an individual. We aspire to create a feeling of warmth and security in a structured and stimulating environment. In a partnership with parents, we offer a valuable experience which lays the foundation for future development.

In Reception, we aim that your child becomes school-ready; develop their independence, and grow in confidence. There are 3 Reception classes based around British authors; Judith Kerr, Nick Butterworth and Julia Donaldson.

Our devoted staff in the Early Years provide a bright, stimulating and safe environment where all children feel valued, secure and well cared for. Each class has an experienced Teacher and an Early Years Practitioner who will support your child to reach their full potential over the year.

The Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS) has its own curriculum which is based around the holistic development of your child. This consists of 3 prime aspects (Communication, and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional development and 4 specific areas (Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the world and Expressive Art and Design). Children will develop their Early Learning goals through stimulating and cross curricular topics such as: Traditional tales, class author stories, People Who Help Us, In the Garden and Under the Sea.

Your child will experience activities such as bowling, art mornings, teddy bears picnic, sports day and many more fun adventures, over the year. You as Parents will have opportunity to be part of their learning through multi-cultural celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Easter and Eid.

The Early Years team value the partnership between home and school and encourage you to play an active part in your child's education. Any time you wish to discuss anything regarding your child's education, teachers are always happy to see you after school alongside termly professional dialogue meeting (dates will be advised).

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

The Reception Team.



Exploring a globe – Where do we live?



Learning about story characters



Planting flowers and vegetables



Maths work using the smartboard



Maths - Sorting by colour



Maths – Making a pattern



Roleplaying being the teacher in the garden



Science week - Labelling body parts of a worm



Playing in the mud kitchen



Hiding in the A - frame



Picnic in the field with our friends



Sports day – egg and spoon race



Maths – Solving number problems