



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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(NURSERY & RECEPTION)



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF EARLY YEARS



At Quinton House School we are proud of our outstanding Early Years Department. Our aspirations are high and we attain levels of achievement often beyond what is expected.

Our approach to tailored teaching and learning and regular monitoring in a supportive family atmosphere will give your child an excellent start to their education at a crucial stage of their development.

At Quinton House School we place great importance on nurturing the whole child; developing a child's character, nurturing their talents and inspiring creativity. Our aim therefore is to encourage a spirit of enquiry and exploration and to provide an exciting, stimulating and safe environment in which pupils can learn and challenge themselves.

From our accredited on-site Forest School, to our small class sizes, excellent Early Years attainment record and varied enrichment programme, Quinton House School Nursery and Reception provide children with the very best foundation as they embark on their educational journey.

We welcome you to come and look around the Nursery and School and see our thriving community in action!

I look forward to meeting you and your family very soon.

Claire Billington
Head of Early Years

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

Set in 31 acres of beautiful landscaped grounds, Quinton House School is the perfect place for your child to begin their educational journey. With a wealth of opportunities offered in a nurturing environment, your child will enjoy an exciting learning programme both inside and outside of the classroom. Modern teaching by qualified and experienced Early Years staff coupled with traditional values ensure a happy, secure, fulfilled child ready to embrace the challenges ahead.

From a child's very first day at our school we lay the foundation for a love of learning that will remain with them throughout the course of their school life, providing a foundation for future success.

Quinton House Nursery and Reception tours, including a meeting with the Head and Early Years team, are available all year round.

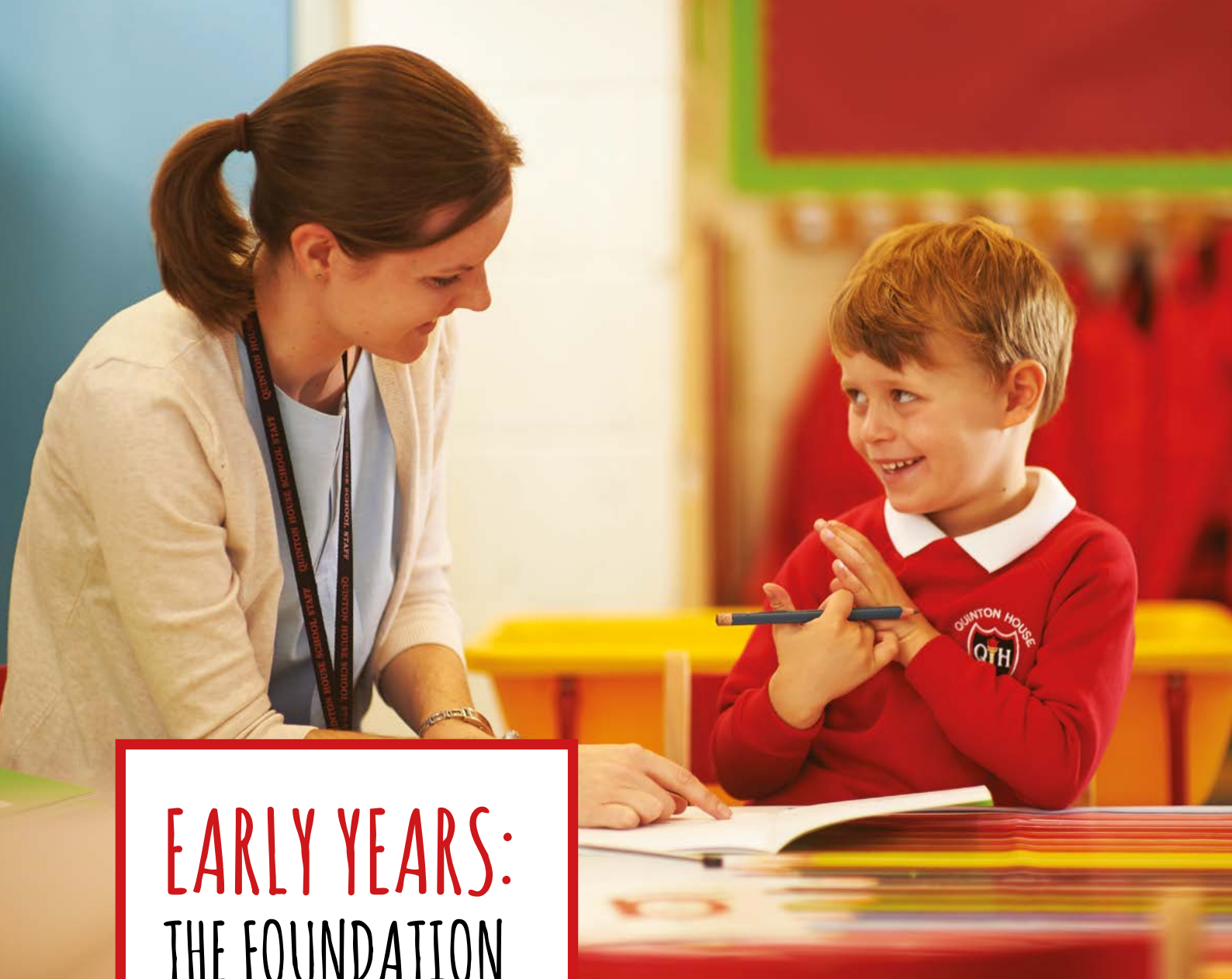
Please contact our Admissions Manager to arrange a tour or see our website for future Open Day dates and to request a prospectus.

"The personal development, behaviour and welfare of children is outstanding."

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November 2015**

"My son has progressed magnificently, particularly in his reading and writing. We never expected him to be at the level he now is and is wonderful to see. He enjoys going to School, especially on days when he attends activity clubs."

Reception Parent



EARLY YEARS: THE FOUNDATION STAGE

"I feel my daughter is really thriving and Quinton House is really developing her. I'm so proud of how she has progressed over the last 2 and a half years."

Nursery Parent

The Statutory Framework for The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provides the guidance and requirements supporting the learning and development of children in our care. The Framework describes the stages for the development of children (from birth to 5 years of age) and how children's health, wellbeing and safety are our priority within an environment that provides opportunities to allow them to reach their true potential.

The EYFS is made up of Three Prime Areas of Learning which are:

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Social and Emotional Development

and **Four Specific Areas of Learning** which are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The Prime Areas of Learning cover the knowledge and skills which are the foundation for children's school readiness and future progress. These, along with the Specific Areas, provide a holistic approach to learning.

All areas of learning and development are important and are inter-connected.

TEACHING & LEARNING: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our approach to teaching and learning will give your child an established start to their education at this crucial stage. In Early Years we begin to lay a firm foundation to each child's development and future learning with a wide curriculum encompassing not only literacy and numeracy skills but a range of other subject areas, including music and sport in Reception.

The benefit of small classes and excellent pupil to teacher ratios means we can focus on teaching within small groups, with clearly differentiated work, to ensure your child is taught at the correct pace for their own ability.

FOREST SCHOOL

Children enjoy our extensive mature grounds and benefit from ready access to a variety of outdoor spaces including a beautiful woodland space where the natural environment is used as an 'outdoor classroom' with our qualified Forest School leader. At Forest School children build independence and confidence by learning a range of skills including den building, making and using tools, and finding and identifying creatures and plants.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

In addition to laying the foundations for future academic achievement, Early Years education is also crucial in developing a range of skills including problem-solving abilities, creativity and physical skills as well as fostering a sense of well-being and discovery. The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom states that these skills and more can be achieved through learning in the outdoor environment.



NURSERY CURRICULUM

Our Nursery provides a happy and nurturing environment in which to prepare your child for life in school and our small classes ensure that he or she receives personal attention at all times.

Our well-equipped and comfortable rooms are the focus for the teaching of early literacy, the Read, Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme and numeracy as well as the development of physical, social and creative skills. Children are provided with ample opportunity to free flow to our dedicated outdoor learning and play area and once a week Nursery children attend Forest School. We operate a key worker system which allows our team to build a close relationship with each child and their family, enabling us to work closely with parents to plan activities which incorporate children's interests.

"Most children exceed the level of development that is representative of their age thus ensuring that they are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their education."

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Nursery is a fully-integrated part of our School, giving your child the opportunity to benefit from the extensive range of facilities and extra-curricular activities on offer, including Taekwondo, ballet and yoga. By the end of Nursery children are fully prepared for the transition to Reception and take part in a wonderful celebratory graduation ceremony.



TYPICAL NURSERY DAY

A typical day in nursery is action-packed with a range of activities to take part in and enjoy. We offer morning sessions which run from 8am to 1pm and afternoon sessions which run from 1pm to 6pm.

8:00am	Nursery opens
9:00am	Registration and group time (phonics / numeracy and news from home)
10:00am	Snack
10:15am	Free play and adult-led activities
12:00pm	Story time
12:15pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Home time for morning pupils and afternoon lessons begins
1:15pm	Registration
1:20pm	Afternoon Sleep / free play and phonics / numeracy
3:50pm	Tea
4:00pm	Free play and adult-led after school provision
6:00pm	Nursery closes

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Enriching young lives by stretching body and mind – that's how we see the extra-curricular programme at Quinton House School. From Nursery children have access to a range of activities such as ballet, taekwondo and French.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Library	Ballet	French	Music	P.E
			Forest school		Yoga
Afternoon				Taekwondo	

RECEPTION CURRICULUM

"My daughter is reading, knows her phonics and her numbers to 100 which is an achievement considering she only started full time education six weeks ago!"

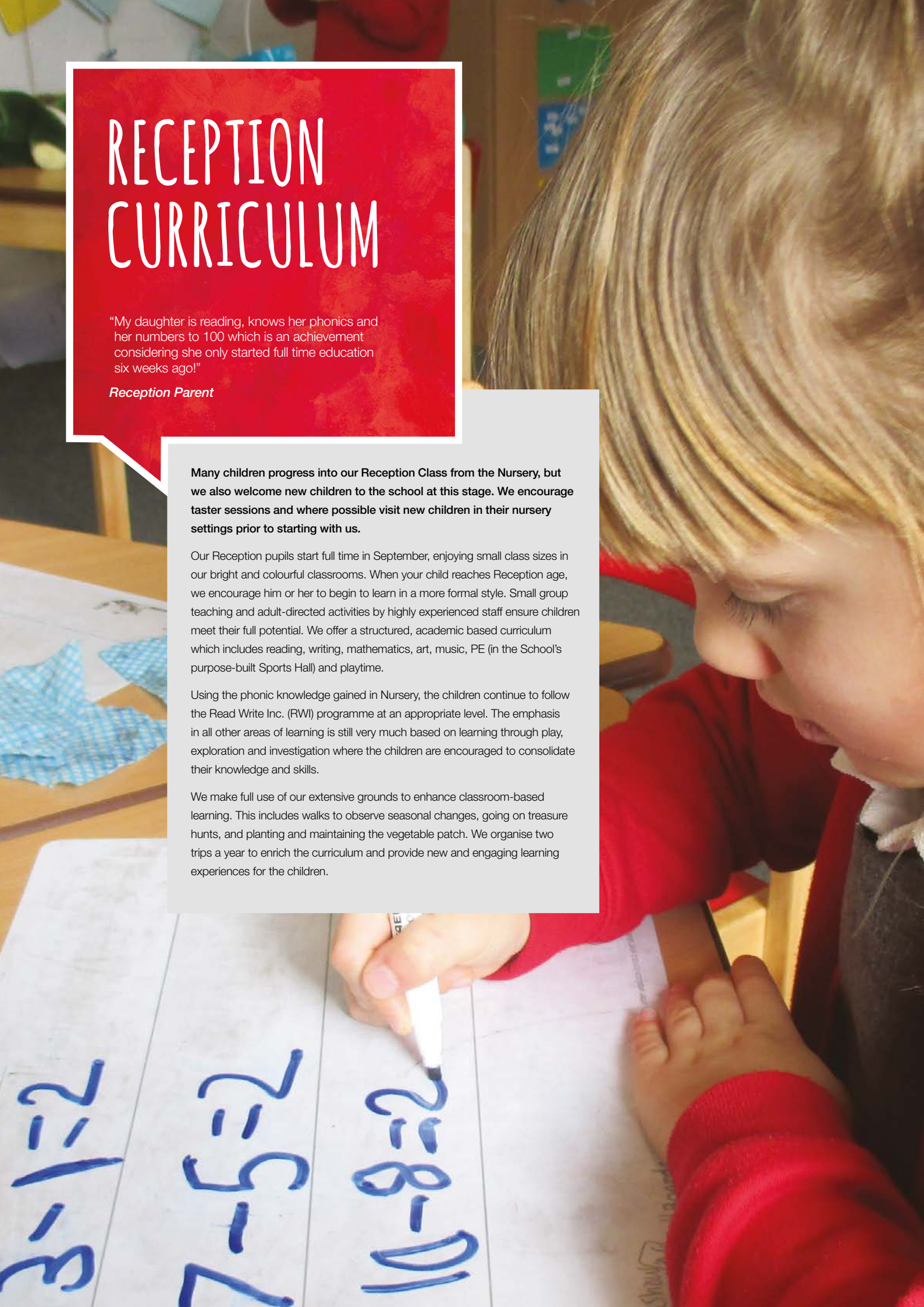
Reception Parent

Many children progress into our Reception Class from the Nursery, but we also welcome new children to the school at this stage. We encourage taster sessions and where possible visit new children in their nursery settings prior to starting with us.

Our Reception pupils start full time in September, enjoying small class sizes in our bright and colourful classrooms. When your child reaches Reception age, we encourage him or her to begin to learn in a more formal style. Small group teaching and adult-directed activities by highly experienced staff ensure children meet their full potential. We offer a structured, academic based curriculum which includes reading, writing, mathematics, art, music, PE (in the School's purpose-built Sports Hall) and playtime.

Using the phonic knowledge gained in Nursery, the children continue to follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme at an appropriate level. The emphasis in all other areas of learning is still very much based on learning through play, exploration and investigation where the children are encouraged to consolidate their knowledge and skills.

We make full use of our extensive grounds to enhance classroom-based learning. This includes walks to observe seasonal changes, going on treasure hunts, and planting and maintaining the vegetable patch. We organise two trips a year to enrich the curriculum and provide new and engaging learning experiences for the children.



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RECEPTION TIMETABLE

There is so much to fit into a week at Quinton. See the sample timetable below as an example of a typical week and how the day is structured.

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Registration</i>	8:45am–8:55am	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
<i>Period 1</i>	8:55am–9:50am	Assembly Phonics	Art Ballet	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
<i>Period 2</i>	9:50am–10:45am	Child Led Activities / Observations	Phonics	Circle Time / PSHE	Child Led Activities / Observations	Child Led Activities / Observations
<i>Break</i>	10:45am–11:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<i>Period 3</i>	11:00am–11:55am	Music	Reading / Writing	Topic Work	Numeracy	Numeracy
<i>Period 4</i>	11:55pm–12:40pm	Topic Work	PE	Topic Work	Library	PE
<i>Lunch</i>	12:40pm–1:50pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<i>Registration</i>	1:50pm–2:00pm	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
<i>Period 5</i>	2:00pm–2:55pm	Numeracy	Numeracy	Music	Reading / Writing	Art
<i>Period 6</i>	2:55pm–3:40pm	Reading / Show & Tell	Numeracy	Reading / Show & Tell	Assembly	Reading / Show & Tell

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To broaden horizons and help children find their strengths and talents, we encourage pupils to take part in two extra-curricular activities a week. Clubs available to Reception pupils typically include yoga, taekwondo, ballet, football, gymnastics and Spanish.



NUTRITION

Great tasting, healthy food is provided by Chartwells, the leading provider of catering and support services to the education sector in the UK. Our Head of Catering goes to great lengths to create nutritionally balanced meals with a wide choice of dishes all cooked on-site.

Our recipes have been nutritionally verified and are specially developed with controlled amounts of fat, salt and sugar to ensure that each child has the correct balance to provide the energy required for a busy day. We can cater for a wide range of dietary requirements. Our catering team would be delighted to answer any queries you may have.

	CLASSIC	VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLES	DESSERT
<i>Monday</i>	Sausage Plait	Cheese, Tomato & Basil Quiche	Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Gravy	Chocolate Orange Brownie
<i>Tuesday</i>	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Quorn Lasagne	Baby Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Mange Tout	Homemade Carrot Cake
<i>Wednesday</i>	Turkey Fajitas	Vegetable Burritos	Seasoned Wedges, Corn Cobs, Sweet Peas	Peach Crumble & Custard
<i>Thursday</i>	Homemade Shepherd's Pie	Veggie Pie	Broccoli, Green Beans	Strawberry Delight
<i>Friday</i>	Oven Baked Fish Cake	Spinach & Feta Goujons	Fries, Peas, Baked Beans	Waffles & Fruits of the Forest



THINGS WE LOOK FORWARD TO...

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Parents are warmly invited to attend our annual sports day which includes a delicious BBQ!



NATIVITY

Children and staff alike always look forward to this popular festive event, an essential fixture on Nursery and Reception's school calendar!

SPECIAL VISITORS

Members of our local community regularly come into school to talk to children to support our curriculum. Recent examples include the fire service, the police and a local vet.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Reception pupils enjoy two school trips a year to enhance classroom-based learning. Warwick Castle was a recent destination.

COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL!

- Open day events throughout the year
- Private tours
- Taster days

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