



Welcome to Witherley Church  
of England Primary School

# We are Explorers Class!

We have written this book to show you some of the lovely things we do and to help you get to know our classroom and the rest of our school.

We hope you enjoy looking through it.



Mrs Hodgson is the teacher in Explorers Class. (Wilf the Mini Schnauzer comes in for visits too!)



Miss Bunney is the office manager and works in the reception office.



Our school gates open at 8:30am. The children come straight into our classroom and put away their own belongings in the correct places - their book bags go on their own pegs, along with their coats. These are in the cloakroom. Water bottles and lunch boxes go on the cupboard in the cloakroom. The gate closes at 8:45am and we start our day.



We do encourage you to help your child to be independent. After the first few weeks we ask that your child puts away their own belongings and then come into the classroom on their own in the mornings.

If you come to school in a car please park respectfully and be mindful of our neighbours. You can use the Blue Lion car park, park near the park or on Hunt Lane and walk through the church yard. Thank you.



Mrs Middleton is our headteacher. She greets everyone at the Church Road entrance every day. **Please use this entrance to drop off your child in the morning.**

At the end of the day we use the St Peter's Avenue entrance. **Please collect your child from this entrance at the end of the day.** Thank you.



In Explorers we have our own cloakroom, toilets, classroom and outside area.



Our cloakroom is the entrance to our classroom. In the cloakroom we each have a peg with our name on it. We hang our coats and book bags on our pegs.

We try to keep the cloakroom tidy!

Our toilets are next to the cloakroom.



**Could you let us know if your child has any issues with toileting or is not yet dry throughout the day, please.  
Thank you.**

We start our day by self-registering, having time to talk together and then choosing our dinner before moving on to our 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' activity then a focused activity or playing to learn.

Our classroom is not just inside but outside too. This area is equally important and used in all weathers.

**Please could you make sure your child has a coat and named wellies in school every day, thank you.**





Please have a water bottle like this.

Not like this as they spill

and smash! Thank you



At lunchtime, we eat our lunch in the hall. Some children have packed lunches and other children have school dinners, which are made here in our kitchens and are very yummy! All Explorers children are eligible for a free school meal which we would encourage them to have.



We have a snack bar in our inside space where there is a choice of fruit, cereal, toast and \*school milk throughout the day.



**When your child is 5, you need to register and pay for your child to continue to have milk. You register and pay for school milk every term.**

\*you do need to register for school milk

In addition to this we make different foods that fit with our learning, such as pancakes, toast and sandwiches. We model how to do this initially.



We have a microwave which we learn how to use independently to make a selection of different foods from 'cake in a mug' to scrambled egg on toast. We practise washing and drying up.



We also bring our drinks bottle to school every day (see earlier photos of the type of drinks bottle we'd like your child to have). We can help ourselves to this whenever we are thirsty and refill it ourselves if we need to.

# We celebrate special occasions at school



At Christmas we perform a special Nativity play for our grown-ups.  
We also have a Christmas party and a service in church with the whole school.



In the Autumn, if we find them, we try blackberries fresh from the bush.



In the Spring and Summer, walking across the fields, paddling, learning to climb stiles and visiting the park.



Every year we visit a local farm.



We do all kinds of exciting, fun activities in school.

## Cookery



## Expressive arts



# Construction



We like to play on bikes and scooters outside.



# Exploring outside and inside with our friends is fun!



We love having lots of different visitors - from tadpoles and butterflies to sheep and puppies and we've even had a Microsoft Teams meeting with cows!



We follow different Themes throughout the year but also make the most of the children's interests when we can. We also have books of the week.

In the Autumn we spend time getting to know each other. We also learn about each others families and our world, Diwali, Harvest, Bonfire Night and the Christmas story.



In the Spring we find out about Easter and new life.



We have Forest School too which we all really enjoy and have regular access to all year. Please send your child to school in clothes suitable for outdoor, messy learning on our Forest School days which will be every week.



In the Summer we spend lots of time outside exploring our world, planting and caring for plants and so much more.



We have lots of special days and afternoons, like mum's and dad's afternoons. We dress up or take part in exciting activities and invite our families to join us. The grown-ups dress up too!



If the weather is nice we go outside for PE. We also do PE in the hall. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on our PE day. Thank you.



Indoor PE in the hall



Outdoor PE on the field

We use lots of different apparatus in PE and play lots of games. We use fun things like balls, quoits, hoops and beanbags to learn to throw and catch. We even enjoy a bit of yoga and Zumba!

We love to read and do this inside and outside.



We read with our friends, parents, teachers and visitors.



We use our phonics to help us to learn to read and to write.



We also have a school library that we visit.



We can borrow books from the library as well as have a class reading book.

We learn to write at school. It makes us feel very proud.

Our class is full of places where we can write both inside and outside.



We do Dough Disco and Squiggle Wiggle every day to develop strength in our muscles ready to write.



We carry out fun maths activities in different places too.



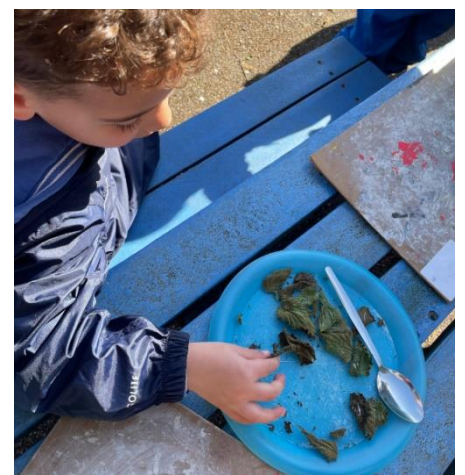
We enjoy using the interactive white board and our Toni Box.



We have dressing up and a home corner which we love spending time in but role play happens all over our setting.



There is so much to do in Explorers class we couldn't fit it all in our little book!  
We hope you have enjoyed having a little look at some of the things we do at school.







This is our classroom during one of our busy days!



We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you will be very happy here at Witherley CE Primary School.