



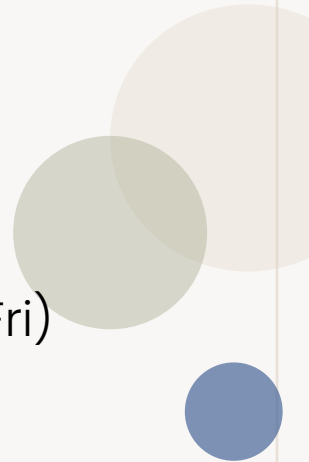
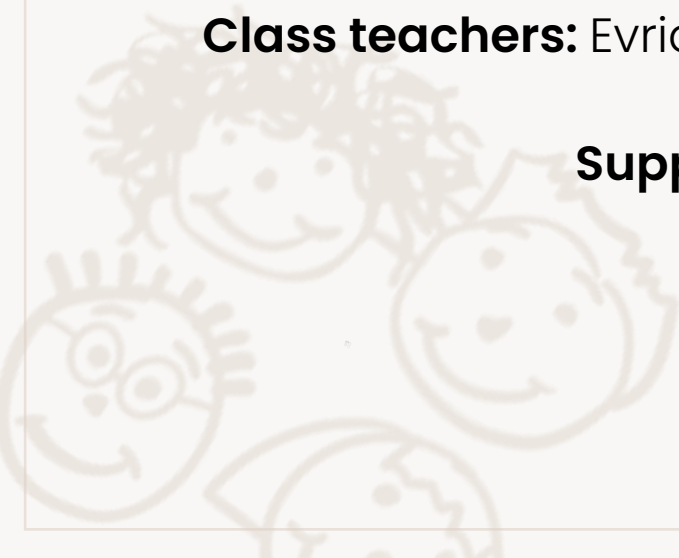
Welcome to Reception

Thames Class
Mississippi Class

Year Group Team:

Class teachers: Evridiki, Carly (Mon–Thu) and Anna–Maria (Fri)

Support staff: Gona and Fulya



Welcome

BOWES
PRIMARY SCHOOL



- Welcome to the new school year.
- The children have made a great start.
- The following slides aim to provide some more information about the year ahead.



Curriculum



At Bowes we aim to provide a creative and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of all our children.

We want our children to be happy, confident, well-rounded individuals with a love for learning.

We aim to provide all children with a safe and stimulating environment that builds on each individual's needs and interests.

There are three characteristics of effective learning in Early Years:

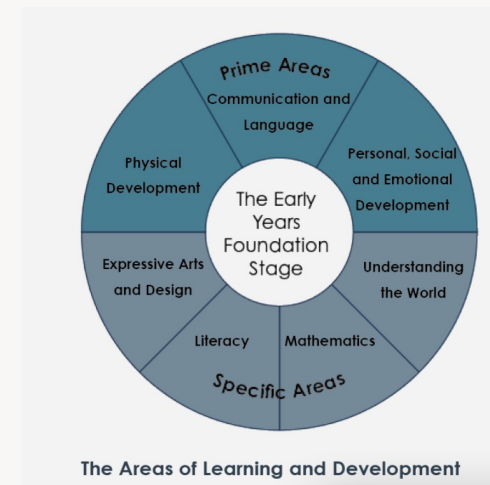
- Playing and Exploring: becoming independent learners.
- Active Learning: Investigating, learning from mistakes, persevering.
- Creating and Thinking critically: develop their own ideas and make links between ideas.



Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the world
- Expressive arts and design



Our Learning Quest this term is 'Fantastic Me!'.

Please check the school website for updates on the curriculum.

Tapestry



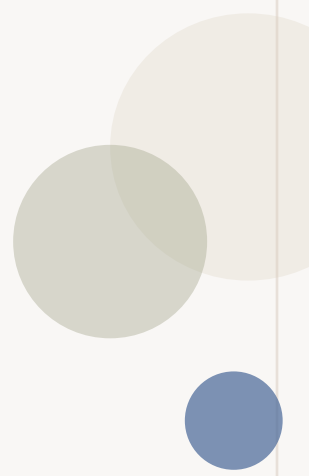
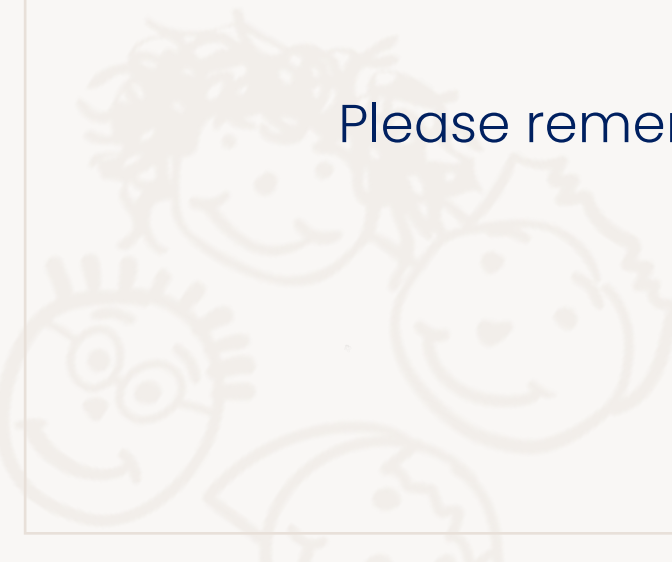
- Tapestry is our online learning platform. We use this to track children's learning and this also gives parents/family members an opportunity to see what their child has been learning at school. It allows parents/family members to comment and give us feedback about their child's learning.
- You should have received an email to activate your Tapestry account. If you haven't done so already, please do this as soon as possible. If you have not received an email please let us know and we will resend you the link.
- On Tapestry, you will receive individual photos of your child engaging in an activity as well as group and whole class activities. For safeguarding purposes, please make sure viewing these photos are for your own personal use.



School Uniform

- Bowes/blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Bowes/plain white polo shirt
- Black/grey skirt or trousers
- Black shoes or plain black trainers
- Blue and white checked dress (summer months)
- Black/grey shorts (summer months)

Please remember to label all your child's clothes
and belongings.





Active Uniform

Your child is required to wear their active uniform on:

Class	Indoor
Thames	Thursdays
Mississippi	Wednesdays

Active Uniform:

- Bowes/plain white polo shirt
- Plain black/grey shorts for indoor lessons
- Plain black/grey tracksuit bottoms (no logos)
- Black trainers

Please ensure your child does not wear jewellery to school and long hair is tied up.

Reception we be starting PE after October half term. You will be sent a reminder closer to the time.

Please remember to label all your child's clothes and belongings.



Home-School Agreement

- We recently updated our Home-School Agreement. This is an agreement between the school, pupils and parents.
- The full agreement can be viewed in the [Home-School Agreement](#) section on the [Bowes website](#). Please take a look!

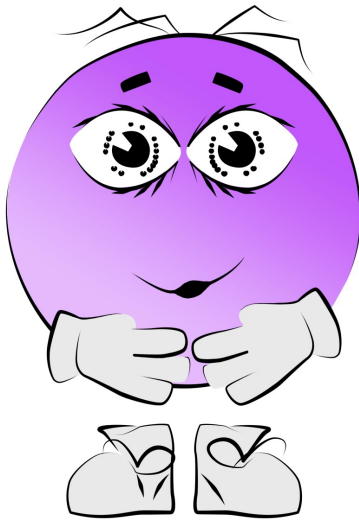
Bowes Primary School: Home-School Agreement

	Agreement for the School	Agreement for pupils	Agreement for parents
	The school will:	I will:	To help my child at school I will:
Values, Character and Behaviour	Promote the Bowes Core Values - <i>Respect, Responsibility and Resilience</i> Ensure that positive behaviour is recognised and steps for improvement are taken Promote the values of a (UNICEF) Rights Respecting School Ensure the safety, happiness and self-confidence of all pupils and encourage them to do their best at all times	Uphold the Bowes Values - <i>Respect, Responsibility and Resilience</i> Make positive behaviour choices, take responsibility for my actions and engage in restorative conversations when needed Uphold the values of a (UNICEF) Rights Respecting School Respect the rights of the Child in all aspects of school life	Work with the school to support my child in making sure they follow well and uphold the Bowes values - <i>Respect, Responsibility and Resilience</i> Work with the school to make sure my child behaves well Encourage my child to take responsibility for their choices and actions Support the school's approach to maintaining a positive environment Support my child by upholding the values of a (UNICEF) Rights Respecting School, embedding the rights of the Child in all aspects of home and school life
Learning, Attendance and Uniform	Deliver a balanced and carefully planned curriculum which meets the needs of all children Provide regular home learning opportunities	Come to school every day, ready to learn and on time Wear the correct school uniform Walk around the school building quietly, calmly and respectfully Complete and return my home learning on time Read daily	Bring my child to school every day at the designated time Ensure my child wears school uniform Encourage my child to work hard Ensure my child completes and returns (submits) home learning tasks Encourage my child to read at home daily
Digital Safety and Technology	Ensure the children are aware of online safety in regards to the use of all social media and that the use of the school's Chromebooks is regularly monitored Provide regular home learning opportunities	Keep myself safe and responsible online Use my Chromebook at home for educational purposes only and for active educational tasks Stick to recommended daily time limits for all electronic devices Follow the Parent Acceptable Use Agreement and the Chromebook Loan Agreement	Ensure my child is aware of online safety, including the risks associated with social media Support the recommended daily screen time limits to prevent device addiction and promote a healthy digital diet Monitor my child's Chromebook use at home to ensure it is safe and focused on active, educational tasks Uphold the terms of the IT Chromebook Parent Loan Agreement and Parent Acceptable Use Agreement



Bowes Core Values

Resilience



I am the resilient Bebowe.

I persevere and can bounce back even when there is a challenge.

Respect



We are the respectful Bebowes.

We show consideration to those around us and value ourselves and our community.

Responsibility



I am the responsible Bebowe.

I make the right choices and take responsibility for my own actions.

Home Learning



- Each child will have a home learning book. This will start for Reception children after half term.
- Home learning grids are sent home in your child's home learning book and can also be found on the Bowes Website in the Classes section.
- There will be additional learning materials that we will upload to Google Classroom. Also, we may give children phonics/reading activities at the end of each half term for your child to practice at home. This is to embed and consolidate the learning they have been doing in class.
- Reading: There will be a phonics/reading meeting to talk to you about how reading is carried out at Bowes. It is important you read with your child at every opportunity to create a love of books and reading from a very early age. Information about the meeting will follow.

Ways to help at home...



Encourage your child to:

- carry out fine motor activities, such as holding a pencil correctly, playing with play dough (rolling, pinching, twisting)
- developing their cutting and scissor skills
- write and recognise their own name
- eat on their own, using a knife and fork
- put their own coat on and zip it up
- wipe themselves properly when they visit the toilet. We know this takes practise!
- hold a pencil correctly – there will be a link on google classroom to help!

It is very important to support your child's learning by practicing their phonics (sounds), writing, numbers and reading at every opportunity.

We enjoy receiving photos and updates of your child's learning at home. Please feel free to upload any evidence of this on to your child's Tapestry learning journey. Also, when staff add photos, videos and comments we would love for you to comment on these too.

Additional Information



Please keep us informed of any allergies/medication.

If your child is going to miss school due to an appointment or illness, please make sure you inform the office as soon as possible.

If your child's collection arrangements are different for any reason, please let the office know before the end of that day.

Check the [school website](#) and our Social Media platforms for updates and photographs from events.

If you change your contact details, please inform the office

Our Socials!

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