



**A very warm welcome to
Emscote Infant School**

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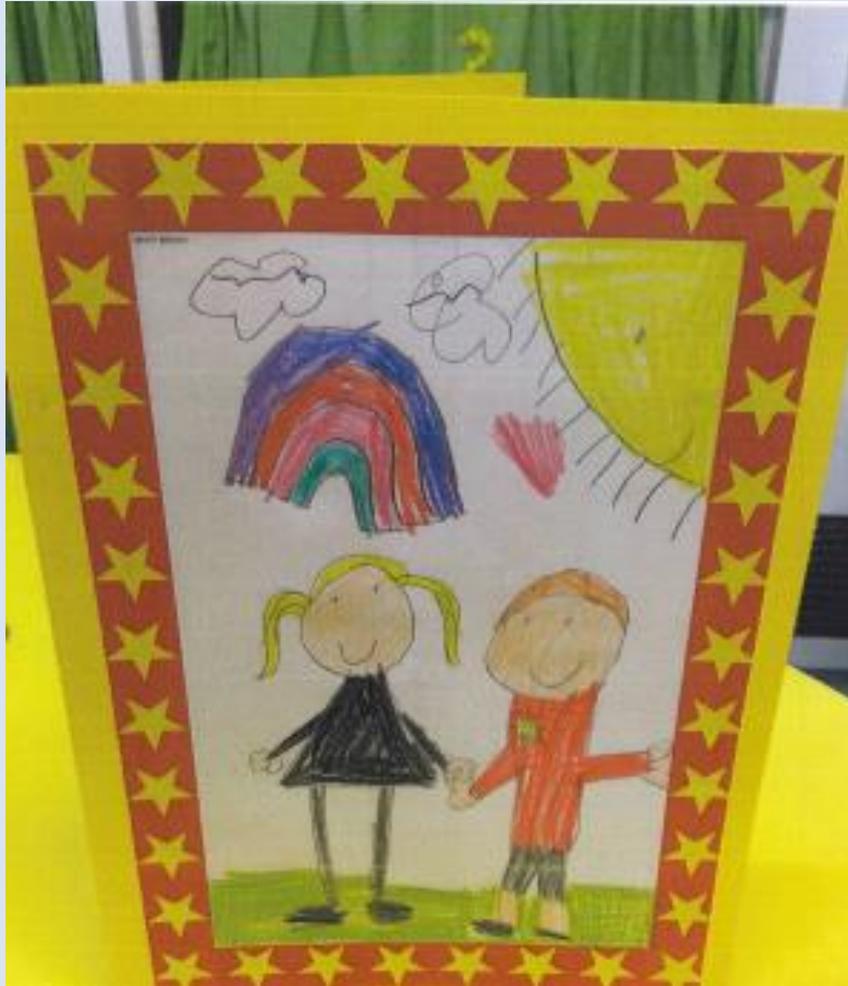
Mrs Cossins, Executive Head



Mr Queralt, Associate Head



A tour of Emscote Early Years...



We hope you enjoyed receiving your special card!



I am Mrs Fawbert. I am the Cherry Teacher and Leader of the Early Years.



Hello! I am Mrs Fawbert and I have worked at Emscote for 14 years! I have taught in every year group, but I particularly love Reception as it means I get to be your first teacher and help you to settle at school and learn all the routines. I am always amazed by how much Reception children learn in their first year! But most of all I make sure you have a lot of fun along the way!

I really enjoy craft activities, maths, reading, sewing and singing! I have two children, Charlie who is 9 and Rosie who is 7. As a family, we enjoy bike rides and playing board games together! I love to bake and eat cake!

I can't wait to meet you all!

I am Mrs Ormandy. I am the Cherry Teaching Assistant and Lead Midday Supervisor.



Hello! I have been a teaching assistant at Emscote for 14 years. In school I am often known as Mrs O. I love singing in school and out of school I belong to a choir. I have two boys, Alex who is almost 22 and Harry who is 17. They both went to Emscote. You may see me walking my dog, Oxley in the area. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you.

I am Mrs Vallins. I am also a Reception Teacher who will be teaching in Willow and Cherry each week too.



Hi there! I have been a part of the Emscote team since September 2013 and have been teaching a total of 22 years! I am originally from Liverpool so obviously love to watch football and I moved to Warwick in 2001 after a year of travelling. My real passion is anything to do with being active; I love swimming, walking my labradoodle called Charlie and running. I also love being in the great outdoors and enjoying the sun, when it shines! I have two children, William is 12 and has nearly finished his first year at KES in Stratford and Harriet is 10 and is going into year 6 in September- time flies! We have a motorhome and love to get away, get outside and explore new places but I do love being by the coast. I am really excited to be back teaching in Reception after being in year 2 for a few years and the bonus is I get to be in both classes and get to know all of the reception children!

I am Mrs Gray. I am the Willow Teacher.



Hello! I'm Mrs Gray and this will be my third year at Emscote. I really enjoy singing and playing the guitar and I love baking cakes, particularly banana loaf! I have two children and as a family we love spending time together, camping and being outdoors near the seaside. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and I know we are going to have lots of fun together!

I am Mrs Hart. I am the Willow Teaching Assistant.



Hello! I have been a teaching assistant for 7 years after deciding to leave my busy job in law to spend more time with my family. I love watching children grow and blossom into confident, happy and smart boys and girls. I will always encourage you not to give up and also to have fun. I speak Czech, Slovak and Russian languages. Our Emscote and All Saints Voices school choir has performed in many venues under my leadership. Emscote children love making things in my arts and craft club too. I like thunder and roses and in my free time I enjoy being outdoors. I am very excited to meet you all soon.

At the start of the day

Mr Queralt rings the bell and says “Good morning children” and you all say “Good morning, Mr Queralt.”

Then you have cuddles and say “Goodbye” to your grown up...



Then you walk through the Reception Outdoor Area and into the cloakroom to put your things away.



We hang our P.E. kit and coat on our pegs



You can purchase a school coat or use any coat. Please clearly name it. You could put a small keyring somewhere on it if it's a school coat, to help your child find theirs!

P.E. kits will be work to school on their PE days.

Please teach your child independence of doing up their coat zips. We will help them, of course, but it is really helpful once they can be independent. **Please clearly name everything!**



We put our book bags in boxes away



Please buy a school book bag and name it. You can hang a small keyring from it to help your child identify theirs.

Your child will be given a colour group (red, blue, yellow, orange or green) and keep their book bag in the correct colour box.

Please keep in your child's book bag their reading packet. It needs to be in there daily so that we can always read with them.

Please check book bags every evening as we put letters in them. If you wish to return a letter/slip to school, put it in a TAs hand when they are on the gate at the start of the day, as we do not get time to look through book bags.

We put our water bottles in boxes in our classrooms



We keep our water bottles in a colour box in our classroom.

Water bottles go home daily for a wash and please send your child with water each day. Juice is not allowed.

Please make sure your child can independently open and close their water bottle and that it is clearly named.

We put our lunch boxes on a trolley in the Shared Area



Willow and Cherry lunch boxes go on the same trolley.

Please make sure it is clearly named in case there are others the same!

Please pack a healthy lunch that isn't too big! No nuts or fizzy drinks please.

The start of the day



The teacher takes the register and helps you choose what lunch to have. (A meat or vegetarian option each day on a 3 week rotation – you get a menu so you can help your child choose and send them with a lunch box on the days you think they'd prefer that. We are very flexible with lunches!) Mrs Fawbert often has a school dinner as they are so tasty and she enjoys sitting with the children! More on lunches later...

A 'typical' day...



A typical morning... phonics teaching, playtime, snack time, activity time.



Playtimes and toast! Yummy!



We have bikes and scooters, an adventure playground, wooden train, story chair, toadstools, 'hobbit house' and numerous playground markings to play on.

At morning play your child can have a slice of toast with butter, as a snack. We ask for £1 to be brought in on a Monday and handed to a TA on our Reception gate. This 'pays for the week'!

Playtimes and toast...



Lunch time...



Milk...



You need to apply online to 'Cool Milk' for your child to receive it. Free until they turn 5 and then you start paying for it.

Afternoons...

Register, maths, activity time, milk and fruit, story and home.

At home time we lead the children to the Outside Area gate and watch them to their parents/carers. To begin with, it takes some time so give us a wave to help speed things up! If someone different is collecting, ideally tell the TA on the gate in the morning or email school.



The Cherry classroom...

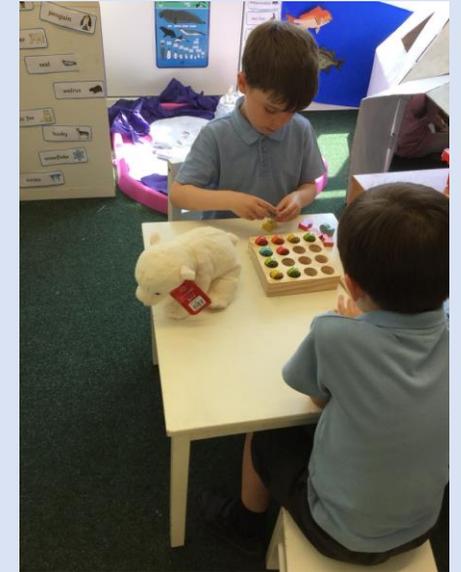
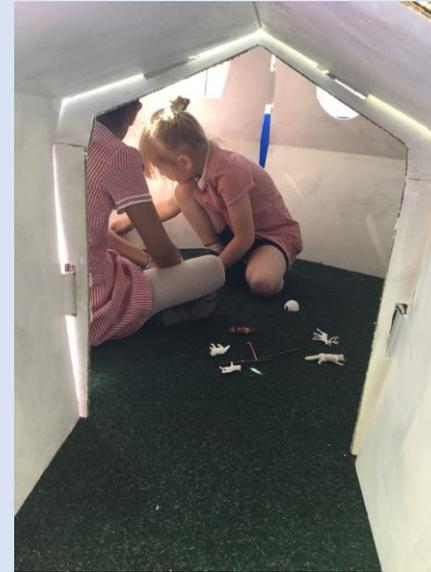


This is our jungle rug. We each sit on a jungle animal.

This is the home corner, craft table and maths area.



Cherry Classroom...



The Willow classroom...



This is our minibeast rug. We each sit on a minibeast.

This is the home corner and craft table.



Willow Classroom...



Some more information...



This is where we keep our jumpers and cardigans when we are not wearing them.

Please clearly name them (as it can take a long time to give 30 out!) and check the name doesn't fade when it's frequently washed.

If they get lost, they always make their way back if the name is very clear!

Our shared area...





Each week, the children get to play in the 'Shared Area' (an indoor large space that both classes use), the 'Outside Area', one Wonderful Wellies session and playing in both classrooms. Fortnightly we 'cook' with the children. We work with the children 1:1 or in small groups during this time.



Our outside area...



Developing our provision ready for September...

Can you help?

Maybe you work for a company who could supply some resources for us like:

- Outdoor storage sheds/boxes
- Large rectangle planter
- Outdoor paint
- Plastic boxes with lids
- Gravel, compost, plants, tree trunks
- Child sized trowels, buckets, spades, forks, wheelbarrows etc
- Digger toys
- Wood
- Foam house building bricks
- Role play construction site resources
- YOUR TIME or charity donation please!



Please email the office asap if you can help in any way!



Meet our 'pets'...



Shadow and Bubba



Crystal



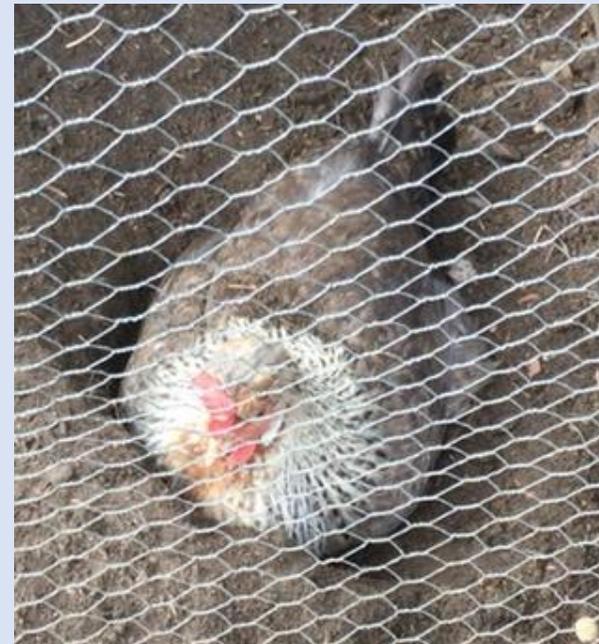
Popcorn



Goldie



Twinkle



...plus caterpillars and chicks!

These are the boys' toilets...



The children can go to the toilet whenever they need to, they just need to ask (but if they're desperate just run!)

It is a good idea to keep some spare pants in their P.E. kit or we have some.

Please help them learn independence in toileting and washing their hands well.

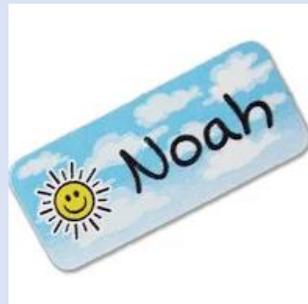
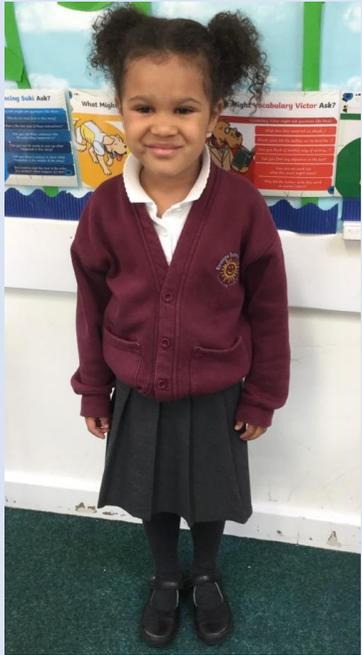
...and these are the girls' toilets...



School uniform...

Winter and Summer Uniforms...

PE kits...



We enjoy
PE a lot!

PE

We do a lot of PE! Each year the children also have a term of each of the following outside providers such as 'Fiery Feet' dance, Premier Active and Mr Partridge from Warwick School.



PE...



Wonderful Wellies!

Each week the children have a Wonderful Wellies session on our field area. They look at the seasons, search for minibeasts, collect natural items to do some maths or art with, sing songs, play “1,2,3, where are you?” and end with a hot chocolate and a biscuit!







Cooking sessions

We regularly 'cook' with the children and relate the theme to our topic. The children learn about basic food hygiene, often try new foods, enjoy mixing and making. Then the highlight is eating it!



Cooking sessions...



Your Birthday!

Our School Council set up a very fun idea for everyone...

On your birthday you can wear your own clothes to school so that everyone can see it's your birthday and as a special treat!
(weekend/holiday birthdays – come in your own clothes on the Friday or Monday that's closest!)



**As you can see,
we have a lot of fun at
school.**

**We can't wait
to meet you!**