



Welcome to Turtles



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Staff

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Timetables

The school day starts at 8:30am and ends at 2:30pm. If your child is collected by county transport they will inform you of their collection and drop off times. If you are dropping off/ collecting your child then please come to the Turtles outside door located through the gate in the Turtle garden.

Timetable

- ▶ 8.30 – Children arrive, self-register
- ▶ 8.35 – Sensory Circuit/ Yoga
- ▶ 8:55 – Morning meeting
- ▶ 9:05 – Phonics input
- ▶ 9:30 – Free play
- ▶ 9:45 – English
- ▶ 10:15 – Snack
- ▶ 10:30 – Playtime
- ▶ 10:45 – Maths
- ▶ 9:30 – 11:55 - Children will also have individual reading, speech and language therapy, motor skills work
- ▶ 12 – Lunch
- ▶ 1 – Registration
- ▶ 1:10 – 2:15pm – All curriculum areas covered within the week through practical play based experiences
- ▶ 2:15 – Story
- ▶ 2:30 - Home time

Observations



Your child will have an online learning journey for Tapestry. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years curriculum, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. This system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of the classroom.

What is Tapestry's website address?

<https://tapestryjournal.com>

How does Tapestry work?

Tapestry provides each individual child with their own Learning Journal held online. Parents and carers are given their own log-in using their email and password (which is pre-set by us but can be changed by you to make it more secure). All our staff are given a secure log-in. They can then upload observations, photos or videos; recording children's achievements and assessing their learning in reference to the EYFS curriculum.

Parents can change their settings so that an email is then automatically generated informing them when an observation has been added so they can have a look and add any comments of their own.

Once you have given us an email address, we will set up an account for you. Go to <https://tapestryjournal.com/s/sprowston-infant-school> on your computer.

Login using your email address and the password we give you. We strongly recommend that you change your password on your first visit.

You will receive daily updates on what your child is doing and can comment back to us. Please use this as communication between home and school.

Turtle Class

The Learning Environment

Inside

The children will work as a whole class and at their own workstations independently. The classroom has a break out room for small group work and also a sensory room. There is a large area for sand and water play as well as cooking.

The adults carefully plan the activities and set up opportunities for the children to explore. We will teach the children to tidy up after they are finished.

Outside

We play outside every day and the children love to explore! Please ensure your child has:

- A wet weather all in one http://www.waterproofworld.co.uk/waterproofs/trespass_button.htm
- Wellies
- Sun hat

These items need to be kept in school.

Toileting

We understand that toilet training can be challenging and want to offer as much support as possible with this. We will start toilet training when your child starts school. We ask that if your child is in nappies you provide us with a stock as well as wet wipes etc. For toilet training we will also need a pack of underwear, a couple of spare trousers and a top. Please put this in a named bag. This will stay at school on your child's peg.

We will use visual aids to support toilet training and are happy to provide you with a copy for home to ensure consistency.

Lunch

We will order your child a hot dinner every day. We know that this can be a barrier for some children and so want to support as much as possible with this. We will slowly introduce new foods to your child and let you know how we get on. Sometimes we find that children will eat foods in school that they won't at home and vice versa. If your child is particular over food you are more than welcome to send in a packed lunch in addition to the school hot dinner but we will try with the hot dinner first.

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Mainstream

Your child may access mainstream and this will be with a member of Turtles staff. Your child will access the elements of mainstream that are appropriate and this may be in one class or across classes depending on their needs.

Staff will ensure you are informed of any special assemblies or parent events that your child is part of. Again these are chosen to meet the child's needs.

Trips

We aim to go out in the local community regularly and believe it is important that we develop life skills and that children know how to keep safe and manage social situations. We also go on trips out and ensure we provide a range of opportunities e.g. trampolining, forest schools etc There may be a voluntary contribution asked for these trips to go ahead.

If your child accesses mainstream they may also attend some mainstream class school trips which are linked to the curriculum areas that they access in the mainstream school.

Birthdays

We always celebrate your child's birthday in class and play party games. Some parents like to send in a cake or party bag, as they are aware that their child would find a party outside of school difficult, but this is not compulsory.

Your child will also access the birthday celebration assembly. An invite will be sent out from the office to let you know the date of this assembly.

Risk Plan

Your child may have their own risk plan. These plans are in place to ensure all staff are consistent in the approach they use for individual children. We map out what we want to see and how we will support, triggers that may cause behaviours and what we will do and also what will happen if your child is finding things extremely difficult. This is attached to the trip risk assessment when we take the children out on visits.

Clubs

We hold after school clubs in the school hall a couple of times a week. The office send out letters with the dates, times and costs of these. If your child would like to do a club then you need to complete the form and return to the office. The office will then discuss with the SRB whether the child needs support in the club and if they do support will be provided. We are unable to change the transportation times and therefore if your child comes to school by taxi they will need to be collected after club by parents.

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Drinks

Your child will be given a cup by the SRB to use throughout the day. Therefore you do not need to send in a water bottle. This helps with their independence and communication as we are teaching them to ask for a drink and pour their own water. It also stops spillages in bags during the taxi journey.

Messages

Please make sure you check your child's book bag daily as we will put bump notes, messages, letters etc inside. Also make sure you can access Tapestry as we update you daily on there. If you have not got access or having difficulty in accessing please call the office on 01603 429001 and they will reset it for you.

