

Welcome to Tiny Seeds

Bradford Academy Primary Handbook

We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to Bradford Academy. This handbook contains information ready for when your child starts Tiny Seeds class.

Tapestry

In EYFS we use an online observation system. When your child starts with us you will be given a sign-up letter. Please complete the form so we can then create an account for you. Once accessed you will be then able to see what daily learning your child accesses and all the WOW moments they have achieved. We would also ask if you could upload anything your child has done that you are particularly proud and any special celebrations with family/friends. Keep an eye out on Tapestry as important school dates and events are placed on there for your information also.

We love seeing what special times your children have whilst they are at home and it has proven when parents and educators work together it has a positive learning outcome for the child. So get uploading as we can not wait to see your special times!

General Information

Each term we focus on a book and do lots of fun activities and crafts based on the book. We have some great books and topics for the upcoming year and we are excited to explore these within our class.

Our first topic is called “**What Makes Us Amazing!**” Can I please ask that you email any family photos/baby photos you may have. This is so they can be made into family books for our book area and created into a PowerPoint to be shown at circle times. We will also send out newsletters each half term with news about our learning and any up-and-coming events we need to inform you of.

Star of the Week

Every Friday a child from the AM/PM session is chosen for star of the week. Your child will receive a certificate and will be able to bring home one of our star of the week story sacks. Please can we ask that they are returned for **Wednesday** so they can be replenished ready for the next child. Your star of the week story sack photos can also be added onto Tapestry along with your special time being documented in the exercise book placed in the bag.

Lending Library

Tiny Seeds lending library gives you and your child the opportunity to borrow books from school. Books are sent home on a **Friday** and need to be returned by **Wednesday** so these can be changed. All children will be provided with a Lending Library pack when they start their learning journey in Tiny Seeds. More information will follow regarding this!

Our Classroom

Our classroom is a bright spacious room with many areas to explore we provide different activities each week as well as free flow play for children to express their own interests. We also have a lovely outdoor space that children have access to everyday with a range of equipment to use so they can develop their gross motor skills.

Once a week we have sessions in the hall this is a great chance for children to explore a range of equipment. We also attended Forest School sessions every half term to develop our knowledge further.

Our Daily Routine

We have our own door which is situated next to the main primary entrance it is labelled clearly so no confusion is caused.

You and your child will be greeted by a member of staff every morning at 8am. You are welcome to come into the classroom to support your child removing essential items and communicate any information you feel we need for their session.

Once you have said goodbye to your child, they will then go into free flow play. Once the doors have closed at 8:20am the children are offered a light snack e.g toast as we know it is quite early for breakfast at home. Please try and offer breakfast/lunch at home before your child starts school but we know that school timings can be tricky.

During the day we provide continuous indoor and outdoor provision and stimulating activities that incorporate areas of the EYFS Curriculum and our current topics/themes.

Each day we also have a small circle time this is just for 5-10 minutes where we take part in various activities such as our Days of the Weeks song, What's Inside the Bag?, Song Cube, Dancing and circle games.

We provide a range of healthy snacks each day in which your child can learn and develop healthy choice making. These snacks this will consist of:

- Milk
- A savoury snack – toast/brioche/ breadsticks/cereals/crackers (various toppings) etc
- A range of fresh fruit delivered daily

If your child has any allergies, please let us know and we will provide alternative snacks/avoid them completely. You will also need to complete a Learner Plan with the class teacher so all staff working with your child are aware. This will then follow your child as they progress through school. With termly catch-ups parents can inform the class teacher of any changes to your child's allergies.

What do you need to bring with you?

We do lots of fun messy activities so we ask that children have a spare set of clothes that are kept in school just in case they should need to change. It is also handy if your child is potty training to have some spare clothes in school.

If your child is in nappies, we ask that you provide nappies and wipes for the time your child is in school. You will be provided with a blue string bag to keep these items in so **no** other bag will be needed, and a member of staff will inform you when items are running low. We will also go outside in all weathers so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and a waterproof coat each day. If possible, please can you provide a pair of wellies to stay in school for wet days. Please make sure that all items have their name written inside. We do have full waterproofs that we will wear on wet days and spare wellies if needed.

Below is a list of what you will need to provide and bring daily in a backpack into school:

- Spare set of clothes – T-shirts, trousers, socks
- Underwear (if potty trained)
- Nappies
- Wipes

- Waterproof coat
- Wellies
- Named Water Bottle (This will be returned daily to be washed and replenished for the next day)

At the end of the day we finish with a shared story and some singing with dismissal commencing at 11am for children attending AM session and 3:10PM (Mon-Thurs) and 2:10PM(Fri) for PM sessions.

If you have any further questions regarding anything you have read in this letter, please email info@bradfordacademy.co.uk . We are very much looking forward welcoming our families both old and new to nursery in September.

Yours Sincerely

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