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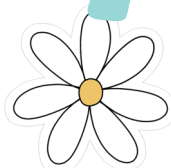
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Reception!

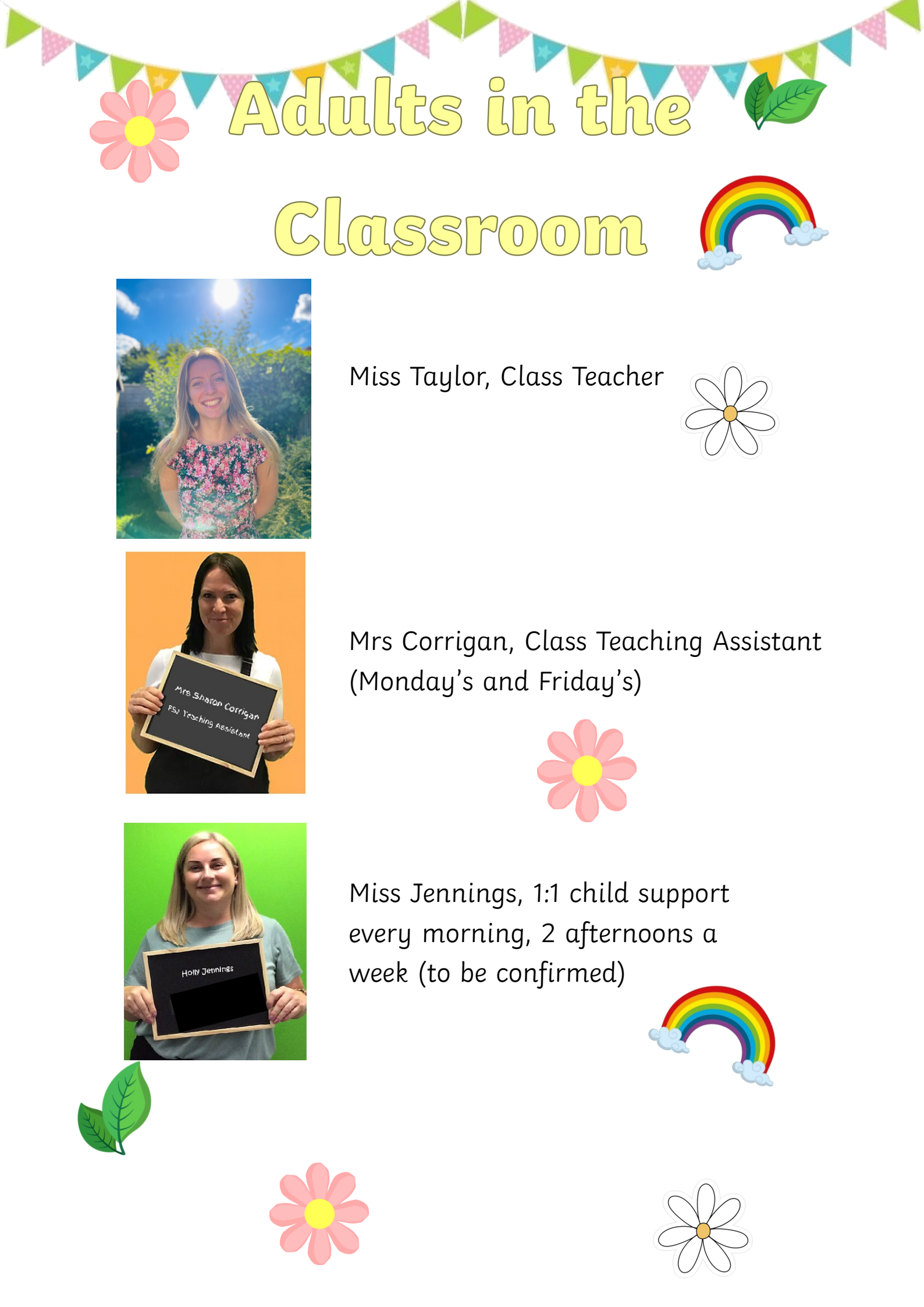
(Foundation Stage 2 or FS2)

A parent



guide





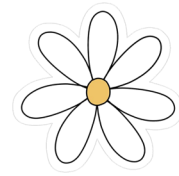
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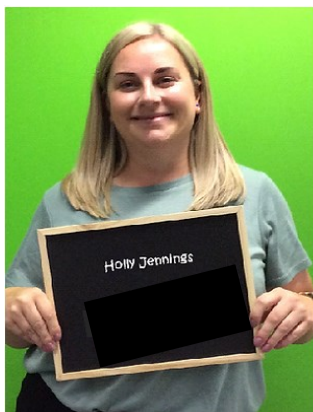
# Classroom



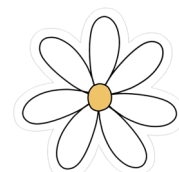
Miss Taylor, Class Teacher



Mrs Corrigan, Class Teaching Assistant  
(Monday's and Friday's)



Miss Jennings, 1:1 child support  
every morning, 2 afternoons a  
week (to be confirmed)





# A Typical Day in FS2

## AM

**8:45-9:00** Doors open and early morning tasks

**9:00-9:15** Registration, choosing lunch time dinners etc.

**9:15-9:30** Squiggle while you wiggle!

**9:30-9:45** Short input about the day

**10:00-11:00** Focused teaching time and independent play (with snack and milk available to access independently)

**11:00-11:10** Tidy up

**11:10-11:45** Phonics

**11:45-11:50** Toilets and handwashing

**11:50-12:50** Lunch time

## PM

**12:50-1:00** Classroom calm time/story

**1:00-1:15** Mini Maths

**1:15-2:30** Focused teaching time and independent play

(on Monday's, 1:15—3:00 PE)

**2:30-2:40** Tidy up

**2:40-3:00** Tricky word time

**3:00-3:20** collecting home time items such as book bags, waterbottles, coats etc.

**3:20-3:30** class story and going home prayer

**3:30** home time

Extra curricular clubs available until 4.30 PM throughout the year. Letters in due course.



# Getting Organised

## Uniform

All uniform and socks and shoes need to be **clearly named (in obvious places)**.

Your child needs a:

- coat on rainy and cold days and a sun hat and cream applied on sunny days.
- A pair of school shoes that are **Velcro** (no laces please)
- **named** water bottle in school **everyday**
- **named** book bag in school **everyday** (please purchase a bookbag from school rather than a big rucksack from a shop)
- Reading books and reading records in their book bags in school **everyday**.
- Spare change of **named** clothes including pants, socks, cheap/old shoes and extra uniform in case of accidents or they get messy outside in a PE bag which will be kept on their peg at all times.

## Snacks

School provides children with a healthy snack every morning. Over recent years, we've found the children get hungry in the afternoon however we do not have enough snacks for both the morning and the afternoon. If you think your child will get hungry in the afternoons, please pop a healthy snack in their book bag.

## PE

- Children should **come to school on Monday's** in their PE kits ready for PE in the afternoon.
- Indoor kit - navy shorts, house t-shirt (red/yellow/green/blue) and black pumps
- Outdoor kit - dark or navy tracksuit and trainers

Please send your child into school with **Velcro trainers** rather than laces.

Please note PE days are not non-uniform days and branded clothing is not allowed e.g. a red t shirt with a large logo on the front. If your child does not



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## Reading books and phonics homework

Children are listened to read 1:1 once a week. This is in addition to daily whole class reading.

On a Thursday, your child will be given two reading books out of our EYFS/KS1 library. This needs to be returned on the following Wednesday in preparation to have a new book on Thursday. One book will mirror the sounds we have been learning at school. The second book will have a child text and parent text where you can share your child's book with them.

On a Thursday, your child will be given their phonics homework books which contain worksheets to complete. This needs to be returned on the following Wednesday in preparation to have new homework on Thursday. If you want to support your child with their sounds, access the phonics page on our website to watch some videos of Miss Taylor pronouncing the sounds—<https://www.meridenceprimaryschool.com/phonics>

## Half term homework activities

'Busy Books' are homework books. These will contain a sheet of 3 activities to support your child's topic learning at school. Busy work will be sent out every half term. Evidence of activities completed can be added to the book, sent by email to the teacher or shared on Twitter or Teams.



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## Friday's

Reception attend the whole school Well Done Assembly on a Friday morning where they might be awarded Star of the Week, a lunch time award or a dojo certificate and award (if they win the duck race!)

On a Friday at about 10.30am, the cook makes toast for everyone who has ticked on parent pay that their child can have tuck at a cost of 30p a week.

## ParentMail, Cool Milk and Twitter

If you haven't already, you will need to join ParentMail as information and newsletters will be sent to you quickly and easily. Please read the school newsletter and pay special attention to the important dates section as this will have lots of things like open mornings and dress down days highlighted for you.

Milk is free until you your child is 5 years old. Please note, once your child reaches the age of 5, they are no longer eligible for free milk. If you would like you child to continue having milk at school, please visit: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Don't forget to follow our Meriden School twitter account for information and updates!

## Newsletters

As well as the whole school weekly newsletter, we write a newsletter which is put on the class page of the school website every week—

[Foundation Stage | Meriden CE Primary \(meridenceprimaryschool.com\)](http://meridenceprimaryschool.com) please look at this weekly so you are kept up to date with your child's learning.



# Topics

## Overview of Half Termly Topics:

**Autumn Term 1 — It's good to be me** includes looking at ourselves, school, families, homes/houses around the world, people who help us and transport/vehicles.

**Autumn Term 2 — The world around us** is when we learn about Autumn, Diwali, fire safety, Remembrance, World rhyme week, the story of Grace and family and The Nativity.

**Spring Term 1 — Adventure above and below the clouds** includes learning about seasons/weather, Chinese New Year, space and under the sea.

**Spring Term 2 — Celebrations** involves learning about Noah's Ark. This term we also produce a Mothers' Day Assembly and learn about Easter and spring. A farm trip will also take place this term.

**Summer Term 1 — Tell me a tale** includes learning through traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The three little pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the three bears, Little Red Riding hood.

**Summer Term 2 — The Great Outdoors** is our final topic of the year and includes learning about Farms and animals and reading the story Lighthouse Keepers lunch!



# Phonics

## **What is phonics?**

Words are made of a combination of sounds. In the English language, there are 44 sounds but only 26 letters. Phonics teaches children to recognise the sounds that each letter or group of letters makes, how to put them together to read words and how to break them apart to spell words.

## **What is a phoneme?**

A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech. It is simply the speech sound that is made by the mouth. Each letter represents a sound for example, 'bat' has three phonemes: 'b', 'a' and 't'.

## **What is a grapheme?**

A grapheme is the single letter or group of letters that we write to represent a sound (phoneme). Graphemes can be made up of 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.

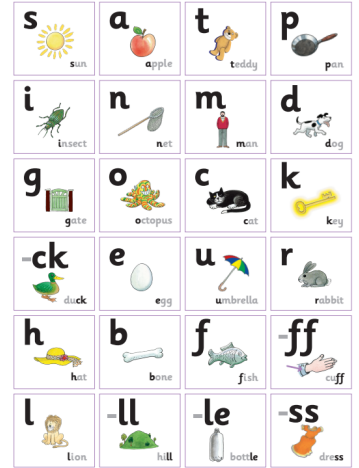
In FS2, children are taught Level 1+, Level 2 and Level 3 sounds. This is equivalent to phase 2 and 3.



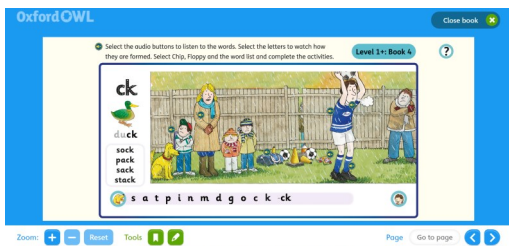


# Floppy's Phonics

Learning to read is one of the most important skills that your child will develop over the next few years. The more support and encouragement that you can offer your child, the more likely it is that he or she will make good progress.



At Meriden, we are using the Oxford Reading Tree series to take your child through the early stages of learning to read.



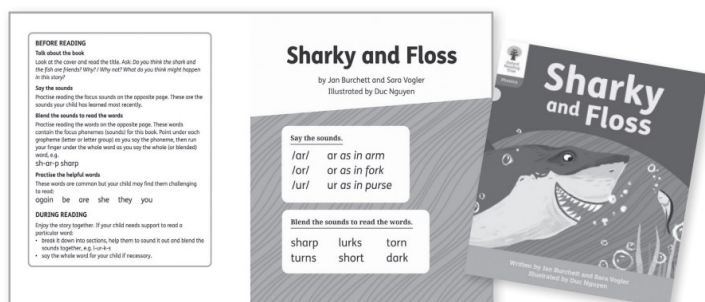
We are using the Floppy's Phonics teaching programme, which is a step-by-step phonics reading scheme. It introduces the children to the letters and sounds (the alphabetic code) that are at the foundation of all reading and writing.

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- Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practice books, to practise each set of new sounds and letters taught at school and consolidate learning.
- Floppy's Phonics decodable readers to practise reading stories and different text types.

All the books have notes on the inside cover to guide you on how to share them with your child.



# Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an online award system in which children gain points. The more points a child gets, the more rewards they get. See below for the reasons we give out points and the rewards that are up for grabs!



## Individual Rewards

Certificates for 100, 200, 500, 750 and 1000 points

Name put on 'Roll of Honour'



## Class Rewards

2000 : extra play hour

5000 : film and popcorn

7500 : extra STEM day

10000 : bring in a

toy/game

15000: ice-cream party

## Points are given for...

### Behaviour

Good listening

Reading at home

Helping others

Perseverance

Contribution

Good manners

Values (3)

Tidying

Look your best (2)

Caught being good



### Work

Positive attitude to work

Doing your best

Presentation

Homework (5)





# Exciting Opportunities and Trips!

Trip to see  
Santa!

Mother's Day  
Assembly

Ash End  
Farm

Christmas  
sing-a-long