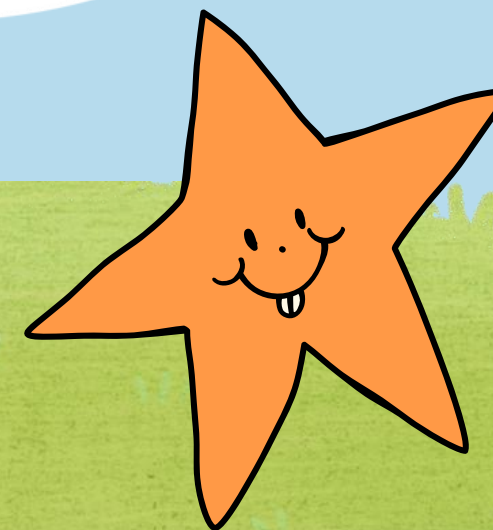
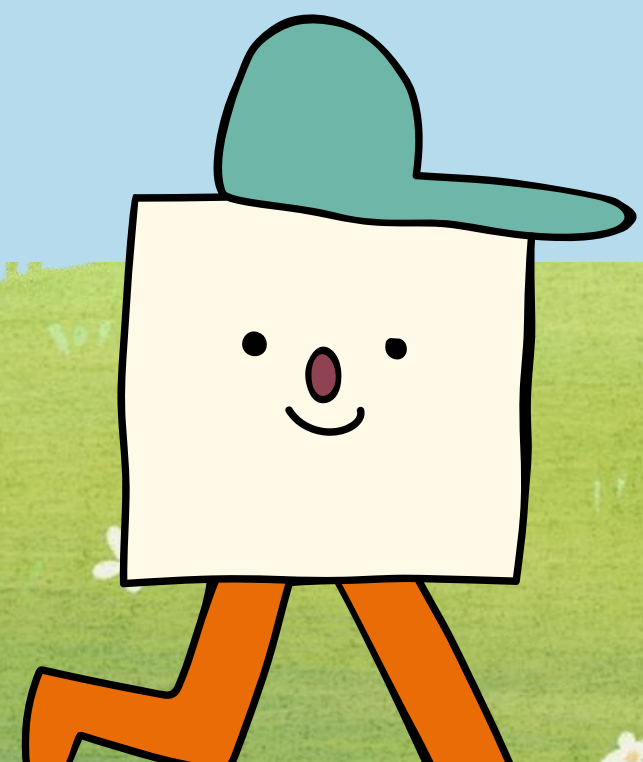
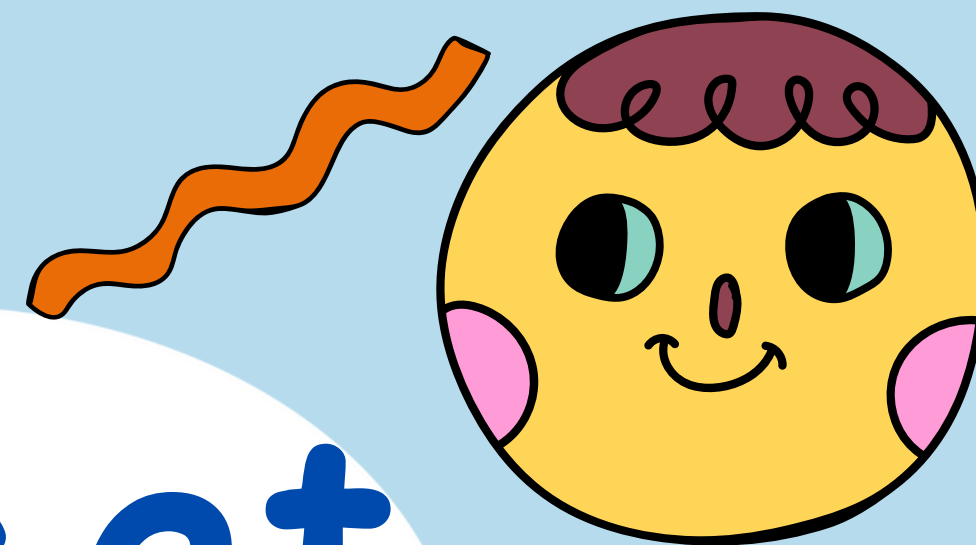
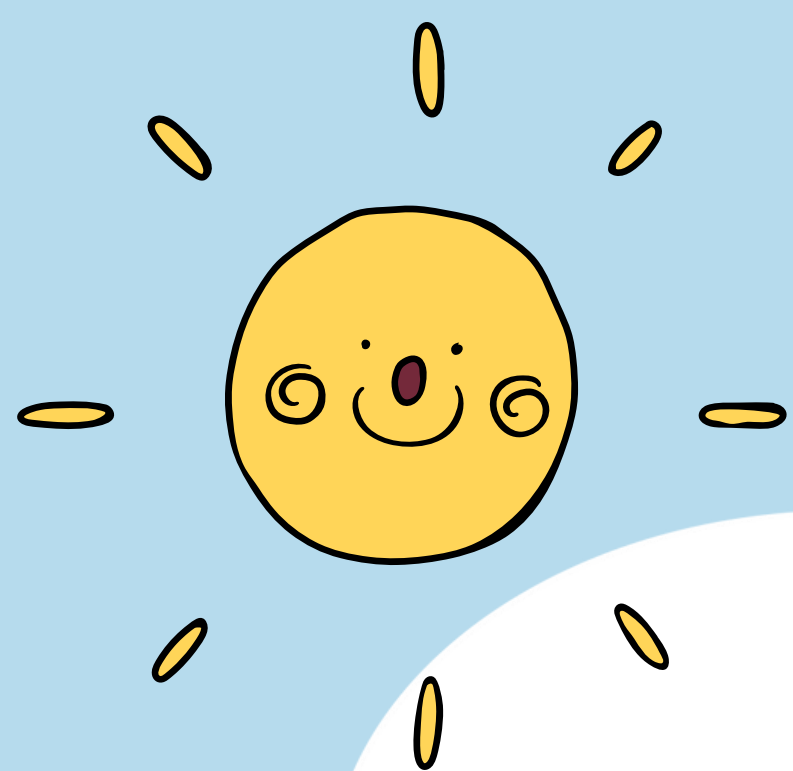
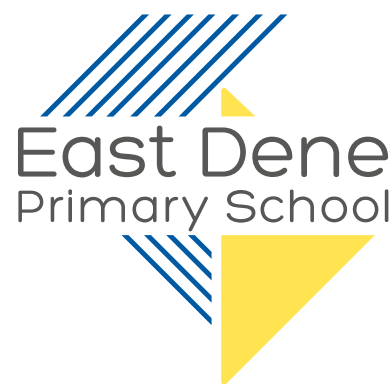


Early Years at East Dene Primary School



Meet the Team

Teachers



Teaching Assistants



Welcome to East Dene Primary School

- Starting school is a special time for both children and families.
- At East Dene, we pride ourselves in providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child is valued, encouraged, and given the best possible start to their learning journey.
- We are enjoying getting to know you and your child, and to working in partnership with you in the exciting months ahead and long into the future.
- If you need to speak to us about anything- please let us know!
- Class Dojo- staff may not reply out of their working hours/ will not discuss concerns through Dojo.



Child Centered Learning

- Across all areas of the curriculum learning is child-centred, engaging, and closely linked to the children's interests and stages of development.
- We provide an environment that is nurturing, language-rich, and full of opportunities for creativity, exploration, and challenge.



Areas of Learning

Prime

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

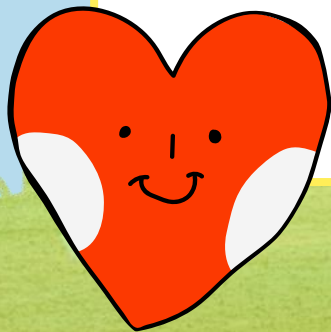
Specific

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Reading Books/ Phonics

- RWI to learn sounds
- We will send QR codes home for the children to access on a device
- Flash cards are available
- Reading meeting to follow



Breakfast Club

F2 children are welcome to attend our Breakfast Club, which opens at 8:00am, free of charge for all children.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children.

Studies show that children who eat breakfast tend to have improved memory, attention, and focus, leading to better academic performance. Additionally, breakfast contributes to a healthier overall diet, better weight management, and improved mood.

Food includes: beans, toast, cereals, crumpets, bagels, eggs and much more!



Punctuality and Attendance

East Dene Primary School, we are committed to providing every child with the best possible education. A crucial part of this is ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Every minute of learning counts, and regular attendance helps your child build routines, develop friendships, and make the most of their learning opportunities.

If your child is ill, please contact the school office on the first day of absence by phoning 01709 512202.

Our attendance officer Miss Wild will complete a home visit for a safe and well check on day 3 of every absence.



Uniform

- Please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day, as outdoor learning takes place even when it's raining.
- We also recommend that children wear sensible shoes suitable for running and climbing. Shoes with Velcro fastenings are ideal as they help children to put their shoes on and take them off independently.
- To help keep track of your child's belongings, please label all uniform items with their name.



Toilet Training

.We understand that all children develop at different rates, and some may need a little longer to feel fully confident using the toilet.

.Our aim is for all children to be toilet trained by the time they return after October Half Term, so that they can take part in learning and play with independence.

.If your child is not yet toilet trained by this point, we will ask parents to come into school to change them as needed.

.Please let us know if you would like advice or support with toilet training – we are happy to share ideas and resources to help.



Daily Snack Time

Children in Foundation 2 enjoy daily snack time as part of their routine.

Daily snack time is a valuable part of your child's day, supporting their wellbeing, growth, and enjoyment of new tastes and experiences.

During this time, they are offered milk or water alongside a variety of healthy snacks, such as fresh fruit and other nutritious options. Snack time provides many important benefits:

- It helps children develop healthy eating habits by encouraging them to try a range of familiar and unfamiliar foods.
- It supports their independence as they manage their own snack and make choices.
- It gives children a relaxed opportunity to socialise, communicate, and practise good manners with their friends.
- Taking a break to enjoy a healthy snack helps children recharge and stay focused during their learning activities.
- Snack time also promotes sharing, turn-taking, and positive social skills in a calm, friendly environment.



Toys From Home

The children have access to many toys in their classrooms and in the outdoor area.

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or other personal items from home into school.

This helps prevent loss or damage and avoids any upset if things go missing.



Lunchtime for Foundation Stage 2

Children in Foundation 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, meaning they can receive a free lunch at school every day.

each day, children can choose from four options:

- A hot meal (including a Halal option)
- A vegetarian meal
- A jacket potato
- A sandwich

We encourage all children to try the school dinners as it gives them the chance to experience new foods. Often, children enjoy eating a wider variety of meals when they are sharing the experience with their friends. Along with their meal, children are offered a dessert and water to drink. Please contact us if your child has any dietary requirement or allergies.

