



Hearsall
Community Academy

Getting Ready to Start School!

Welcome to Hearsall Community Academy



From the moment you see a treasure chest you want to open it. The curiosity of what is inside draws you in and treasures await. Everyone in our community holds a key and any sort of key opens the lock.

As the lid slowly opens the glow and warmth from within shine out. We are very proud of the ethos, staff and children at Hearsall. We are ambitious for every child to fulfil their potential and live life to the full. You will discover Hearsall is a unique and special place where everyone feels cared for and where we challenge every child to achieve and believe in themselves.

Hearsall mission:

At Hearsall, everyone feels cared for.

Hearsall motto:

Reach your true potential.



Aims for the evening

- Our School Vision
- Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage
- How we will help and teach your child to learn – learning through play
- Tapestry – online learning journals
- A day in EYFS
- Starting school arrangements
- What can you do to help and support your child at home



Our primary aim...

We want **our** children to become;

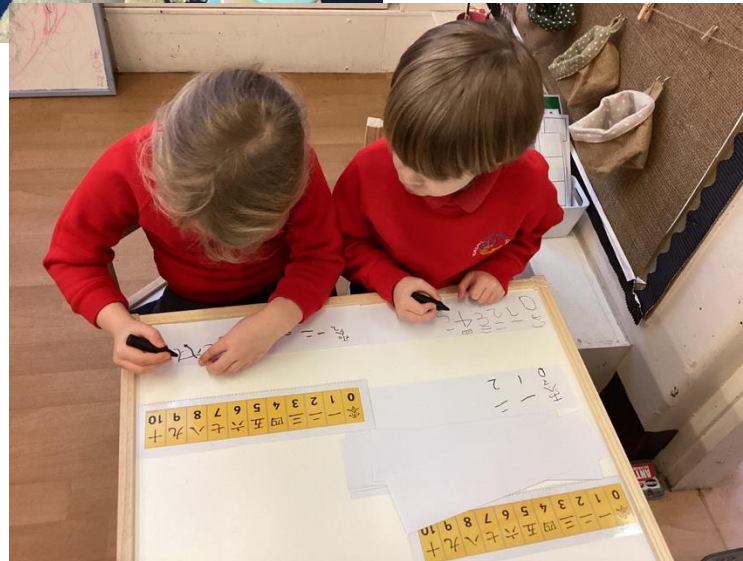
- Independent learners by developing thinking and learning skills such as determination, curiosity, cooperation.
- We want them to realise that their ability is not fixed or predetermined, but that it can grow and develop with effort and perseverance.
- Our job is to provide opportunities for children to develop these skills.
- This will all ensure **our** children are able to academically, socially and emotionally progress without fear of failure or bouncing back from setbacks.



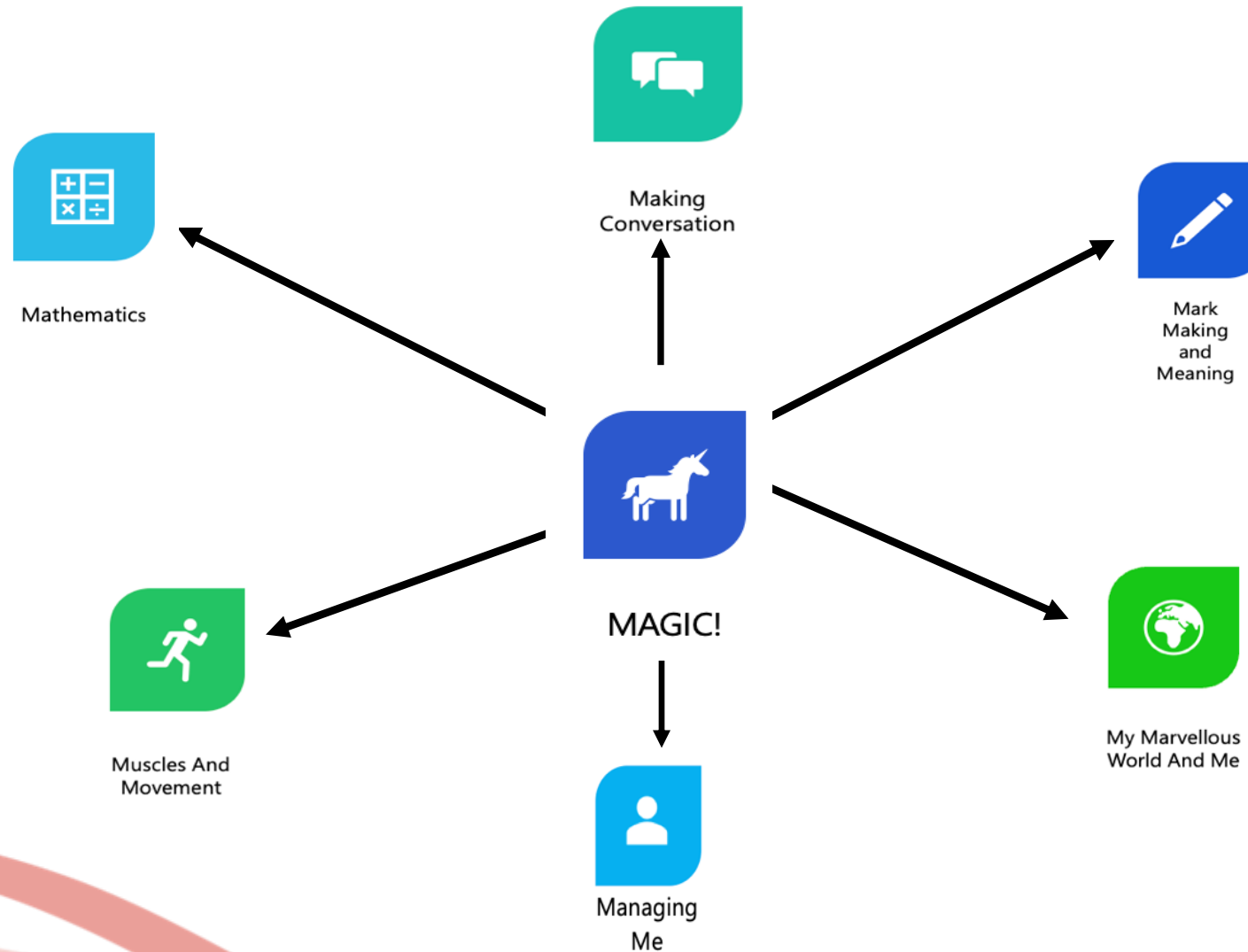
Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

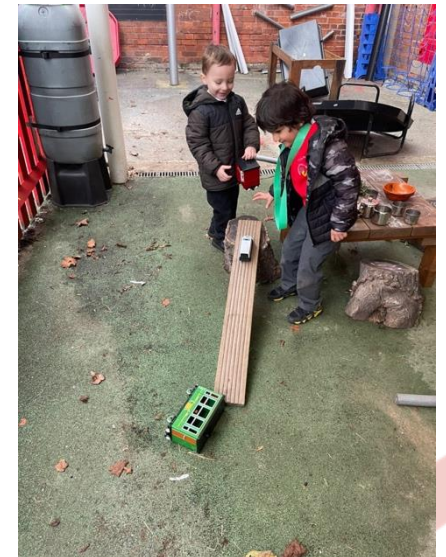


EYFS at Hearsall – The Ms

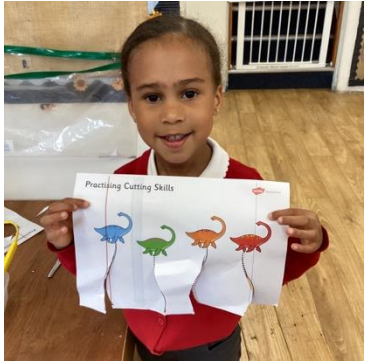


Learning through play

- Play is the way children of this age learn.
- Many of the play activities are leading towards skills in reading, writing and maths.
- Play encourages communication between children.
- Friendship and co-operation.
- Children become explorers.



What does learning through play look like?



Your child's learning is recorded using Tapestry on-line Learning Journals

Engagement and fascination



Outdoor Learning

- We will be outside everyday
- Your child will need appropriate clothing
- Your child will get messy!



Reading and Writing



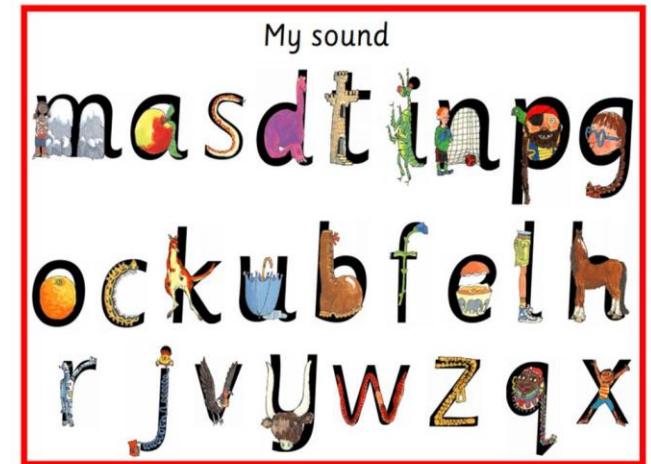
In **Nursery**, children will learn how to hear sounds in words, recognise their names and some other letters that are important to them.



All our reading and writing at Hearsall is taught through a phonics scheme called Read Write Inc.

In **Reception**;

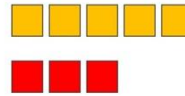
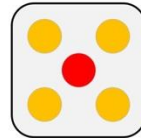
- Read Write Inc. encourages children to know all their single sounds first (phonemes) and then moves on to blending the sounds to support reading.
- Once they have learnt their sounds and are beginning to blend some simple words they will be given a reading book from the reading scheme alongside some high frequency words to take home.



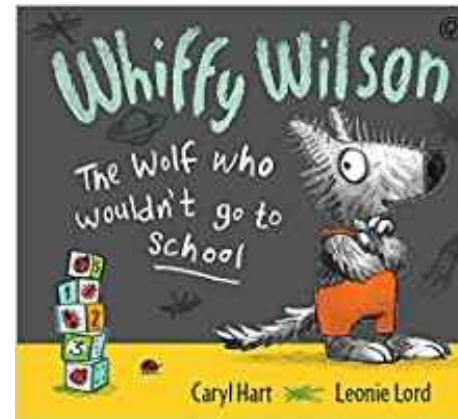
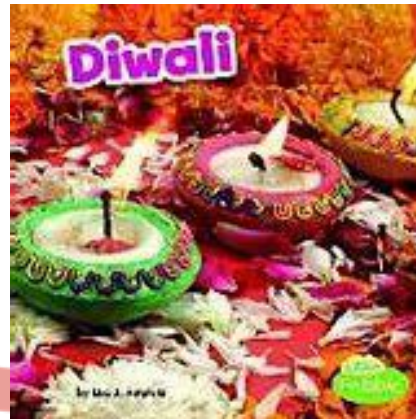


What about the other areas of the curriculum?

Mastering Number



Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
General Themes These may be adapted at any point to allow for children's interest through the provision	Me and My World Awesome Autumn	Colour and Light It's Christmas!	Winter Wonderland Once Upon a Time...	Superheroes Far, far away...	The Great Outdoors Out and about...	Creatures Great and Small Summer Sunshine
Core Text	<i>Whiffy Wilson – The Wolf who wouldn't go to school</i> Caryl Hart <i>Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School</i> Ian Whybrow <i>Autumn Seasons of the Year</i> Harriet Bouadle	<i>Diwali</i> Lisa Aspinall <i>Handa's Noisy Night</i> Eileen Browne <i>Room for a Little One</i> Martin Waddell & Jason Cockcroft <i>Jesus' Christmas Party</i> Nicholas Allan	<i>The Gruffalo's Child</i> Julia Donaldson <i>Lost and Found</i> Oliver Jeffers <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> Josephine Collins & Marisa Morea <i>The Runaway Chapati</i> Danielle Noone	<i>Supertato</i> Sue Hendra <i>Non-fiction books about people who help us</i> <i>Here We Are</i> Oliver Jeffers <i>Don't spill the Milk</i> Stephen Davis	<i>Oliver's Vegetables</i> Vivian French <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> Julia Donaldson <i>Little Red Hen</i> <i>Mighty Machines: Tractors and Farm Vehicles</i> Jean Coppardale	<i>Rumble in the Jungle</i> Giles Andreae <i>Tyrannosaurus Drip</i> Julia Donaldson <i>The Hare and the Tortoise</i> Monika Filipina <i>The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch</i> Ronda and David Almond
Supplementary Text This list is not exhaustive and other books can be used to support the learning	<i>Lucy and Tom go to School</i> Shirley Hughes <i>First Day at Bug School</i> Sam Lloyd <i>I am Too Absolutely Small for School</i> Lauren Child <i>Room on the Broom</i> Julia Donaldson <i>Squirrel's Autumn Search</i> Anita Lobato & Daniel Howarth	<i>The Jolly Christmas Postman</i> J&A Abbera <i>Stickman</i> Julia Donaldson <i>Alfie's Christmas</i> Shirley Hughes <i>Funny Bones</i> J&A Abbera	<i>The Storm Whale in Winter</i> Benji Davies <i>Winter</i> Harriet Bouadle <i>Jack Frost</i> Kazuo Kobara <i>Rumpelstiltskin</i> Mara Abbera <i>Peace at Last</i> Jill Murphy <i>Where The Wild Things Are</i> Maurice Sendak	<i>Juniper Jupiter</i> Lizzy Stewart <i>Handa's Hen</i> Eileen Browne <i>Zomo the Rabbit</i> Gerald McDermott <i>We're Going on a Lion Hunt</i> David Astell <i>Mr Wolf's Pancakes</i> Jan Carrigan <i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> Florence Nightingale	<i>Charlie and Lola: Look after Your Planet</i> Lauren Child <i>Elmer</i> David McKee <i>This Zoo is Not for You</i> Rass Collins <i>Rubbish and Recycling</i> Harriet Bouadle <i>On the way home</i> Jill Murphy <i>The Enormous Turnip</i>	<i>Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs</i> Ian Whybrow <i>Tilly's At Home Holiday</i> Gillian Hibbs <i>This Singing Mermaid</i> Julia Donaldson <i>Seaside Poems</i> by Gill Bennett <i>Zog</i> Julia Donaldson <i>The Tiger who Came to Tea</i>



A typical day...

- The school day will start at 8.35. We take the register at 8.45.
- **Soft Opening and morning jobs**
- Carpet Time (Literacy Focus)
- **Child-initiated Learning**
- Carpet time (Phonics)
- **Lunch**
- Carpet time (mathematics)
- **Child-initiated Learning**
- Carpet time (story/singing) and getting ready for home.





Tapestry – Online Learning Journals



- An Online Learning Journal System
- EYFS Staff record children's learning and progression using Kindles and iPads
- Parents can view their child's journal on mobile devices, tablets and on home computers at any time!
- Parents can comment on observations or even add their own!
- Parents can only view observations of their child (or with permission group/class observations)
- You will receive a notification that a new observation has been added and you will be able to view it.





How to use Tapestry from home

iOS (Apple)

Search 'EYFS
Tapestry' in the app
store

Website

<https://tapestryjournal.com>

Android

Search 'EYFS
Tapestry' in the
Google Play store



Lunch at Hearsall

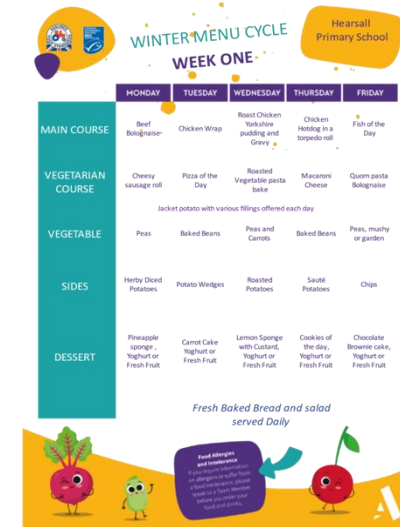
- We have some samples from Catering Academy available tonight, please feel free to taste!
- We actively encourage all of children to try new foods, however, they can bring a packed lunch instead.

Nursery:

- Children in Nursery who stay for lunch can either bring a packed lunch or a hot dinner can be purchased for **£2.20**. All of the children will have lunch in the Nursery classroom.

Reception:

- All children in Reception are entitled to a Free School Meal. The menu runs on a three-week basis.



WINTER MENU CYCLE
WEEK ONE
Hearsall Primary School

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Beef Bolognaise	Chicken Wrap	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Chicken Hotdog in a bap with sauce	Fish of the Day
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Cherry sausage roll	Pizza of the Day	Roasted Vegetable pasta bake	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn pasta Bolognaise
VEGETABLE	Peas	Baked Beans	Peas and Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas, mushy or garden
SIDES	Herby Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roasted Potatoes	Sauté Potatoes	Chips
DESSERT	Pineapple sponge, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Carrot Cake Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Lemon Sponge with Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Cookies of the Day, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie cake, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Fresh Baked Bread and salad served Daily

Food Hygiene and Environmental Health Regulations require that all food handlers must have a valid food hygiene certificate. All staff at Catering Academy have completed this course and are fully qualified.





What to bring to school

What your child will need:

- Water bottle
- A sun hat
- A bag that has spare clothes in (including underwear)
- Wellies (to be kept at school)
- Appropriate coat and shoes
- School bag with reading book (Reception)
- A piece of fruit for snack (Nursery)



Please label all items of clothing including wellies and shoes with your child's name.

School Uniform



We would like children to wear the following:

- A school sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white polo shirt, white shirt, or white blouse.
- Grey trousers or tailored shorts, pinafore, or skirt.
- Grey tights or grey or white socks
- In summer: A red checked or striped summer dress, grey tailored shorts or grey skirt and a white polo shirt. Socks should still be worn with summer uniform.

Shoes: Flat, black sensible shoes should be worn to school – not high heels. If trainers are worn they should be black in colour with no adornments.



After School Club

Childcare Provision Before and After school
Hearsall Community Academy
Horizon Club Manager: Paula Reeve
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About Horizon Club

Welcome to Hearsall Community Academy's Childcare Provision – Before and After School Club. Hearsall Horizon Club provides a high quality out-of-school hours childcare for our parents. It provides a range of stimulating and creative activities in a safe environment for children aged 3-11 years.

Children are warmly welcomed to the Club by qualified and experienced staff, who strive to uphold Hearsall Community Academy School's aim, **“Together we achieve individually we grow”**

We are an inclusive club and are committed to equal opportunities for everyone irrespective of race, religion, culture, age, gender or disability.



Times and Prices

Before School Club – 7:45-8:45 **Price:** £4.50 per session (Breakfast Included) (Ladybirds & Nursery children price – £3.75 per session)

After School Club – 3:15pm-6:00pm **Price:** £7:50 (Ladybirds & Nursery Children £7.00)

We offer a discount for booking both session of £11.00.

(Ladybirds & Nursery Children discount for both session is £9.75)



Nursery

We will be sending out information soon about a settling in schedule for September.

3rd July- Nursery Drop-in Stay and Play Session (10:00-11:00AM)

Reception Transition Day- Wednesday 3rd July

9:30-11:15- Children who currently attend Hearsall Nursery- supported by the Nursery staff.

1:00-2:30- New to Hearsall children with parents.

Home Visits



Reception home visits – week beginning 24.6.2024

Nursery home visits – week beginning 15.7.2024

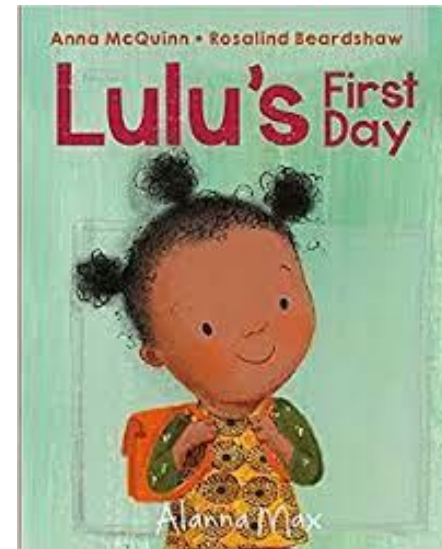
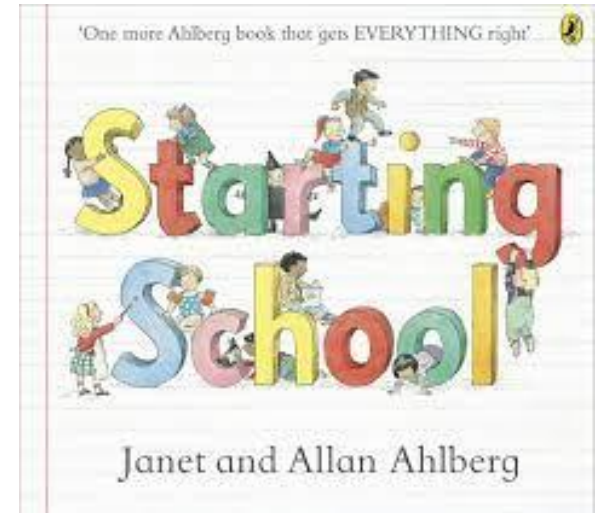
Please find your home visit times in your packs. We are looking forward to visiting you all.



How can you help prepare your child for starting school.



- Talk with your child about what to expect – be honest
- **Read stories about starting school**
- Encourage independence – toileting, looking after their belongings, eating...
- **Be excited!**





Any Changes...

- Keep us informed about any on-going medical conditions or allergies.
- Make sure that you keep the office updated with any changes in your contact details.





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Any Questions?





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**Please take your time to
explore the Early Years at
Hearsall.**