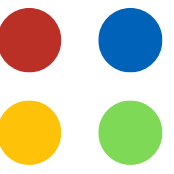


June 2025

# ROCKMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting Reception 2025





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# EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)

## THE 7 AREAS OF LEARNING ARE:

- COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE
- PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
- PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- LITERACY
- MATHEMATICS
- UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD
- EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN





# Topics and Themes

## **Autumn 1**

The Wonderful World of Fairytales

## **Autumn 2**

Food and Festivals

## **Spring 1**

Superheroes and People Who Help Us

## **Spring 2**

Spring and New Life

## **Summer 1**

Animals

## **Summer 2**

Water



# School timings



School gates open at 8.35 am.

Reception classroom doors open at 8:40 am and close promptly at 8:50 am.

EYFS children enter through the gates on Chevening Road

Reception lunchtime

11.25 am-12.25 pm

End of day 3.10 pm

The school gates close at 3.25 pm

Our road is part of the Healthy School Streets Scheme, which means roads outside and surrounding the school have timed restrictions on motorised traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times.



# Your child's first day . . .

Children will start part-time if they have not attended Rockmount Nursery full-time previously.

To ensure the transition is smooth and children get used to our routines, we advise that parents/carers drop children off at the door. A member of staff will support and guide the children to their pegs and show them where to put their things.





# The first few weeks...

The first few weeks of term are all about getting to know the children, allowing them to securely explore the environment and get used to the new routines. They will begin to make new friends and form positive relationships with staff.

During this time, observations and assessments will be carried out.

All children will take a statutory 'Baseline Assessment'. It will provide a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter Reception, so they can be supported most appropriately.



8:45-9:00	Registration 5-a-day exercises	Registration 5-a-day exercises	Registration 5-a-day exercises	Registration 5-a-day exercises	Registration 5-a-day exercises
9:00-9:40	Read Write Inc Phonics	Read Write Inc Phonics	Read Write Inc Phonics	Read Write Inc Phonics	Read Write Inc Phonics
9:40-9:50	Movement break Class input	Movement break Class input	Movement break Class input	Music Diamond 9:40 – 10:30 Emerald 10:30 – 11:25	Movement break Class input
9:50 – 10:50	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups
11:00-11:25	Shared writing/story	Shared writing/story	Shared writing/story	Shared writing/story	Shared writing/story
11:25-12:25	Lunch				
12:30-12:50	Maths input whole class	Maths input whole class	Maths input whole class	Maths input whole class	Maths input whole class
12:50-2:45	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups	Child initiated learning and adult led focus groups
2:45-3:10	Review the day's learning and story time	Review the day's learning and story time	Review the day's learning and story time	Review the day's learning and story time	Review the day's learning and story time



# Introduction to our school website

On our school website each year group has their own page. Here you will be able to find our curriculum map along with our termly curriculum letter that gives parents/carers and overview of what we will be learning about that term.

We also share 'latest news' and photos of all the exciting events that happen inside and outside of school .





At Rockmount Primary School, we use the Read, Write Inc. phonics programme, which teaches the children to read accurately and fluently, with good comprehension. The children learn to form each letter, spell correctly and compose their ideas step by step.

- We are keen to share with you how we teach this, and we will Invite you to a phonics workshop during the Autumn Term.
- If you would like to find out more information on RWI, then you can visit the link below: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/> or see our website page



# Food and drink at school

All children eat their meals in the school hall and can sit with their friends when eating.

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch or a school meal.

All children from Reception to Year 6 are currently able to receive a free school meal under the government's FSM scheme.

Lunchtime supervisors are in the hall with the children and in the playground.

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



# Year group specifics

- Class fund - £1 donation
- No water bottles needed
- No toys from home
- Children will take home a weekend journal along with the weekend bear
- Home/School journal
- Daily reading at home
- Class Dojo system
- School trips and outdoor learning experiences
- Wellington boots / messy play/change of clothes



# Communication



We have an open door policy here at Rockmount. If you have any urgent questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to a member of the team at the start or end of the day.

If you have any questions that are not urgent, please get in touch with the Class Teacher or the Learning and Teaching Leader for this phase, Amy Carvall, or email the reception team:

**[receptionclass@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:receptionclass@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk)**

Please note that teachers are teaching during the school day therefore the email inbox is not monitored during this time. We will respond to you within two working days.

If your child is absent, you must contact the school the same day with the reason for their absence.

**[office@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@rockmount.croydon.sch.uk)**

**[020 8653 2619](tel:02086532619)**



# Uniform



## General Uniform (Stitch2Stitch)

- Royal blue fleece jacket (for wearing outside only)
- Royal blue cardigan or school sweatshirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Royal blue jogging bottoms (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 children only)
- Black, flat shoes or plain black trainers with black laces (please note that shoes and trainers must be completely black)
- White or blue polo shirt
- Black or grey tights
- White or grey socks







### Who are Rockmount Friends and Community?

If you have ever attended or helped out at a school fair, baked or bought cakes at one of our cake sales, sourced raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets, donated clothes and food during textile and foodbank weeks, then you are RFC.

Every parent or carer with a child at Rockmount is automatically a member.

### Our Objectives

RFC exists to advance the education and wellbeing of pupils at Rockmount School and the local community. We do this by encouraging and fostering parent/carers participation in the life of the School.

We develop and engage in activities and provide facilities or equipment that support the school and pupils.







Money raised by the RFC has funded all this and more!



Outdoor Gym



Table Tennis Tables



Learning Kitchen



Book Vending Machine





# Between now and September...

- Lots of counting, both reciting and counting objects accurately
- Recognising their name
- Learning to recognise some numbers
- Singing nursery rhymes
- Sharing stories
- Lots of drawing, colouring, playdough and Lego to help build up fine motor skills
- Lots of talking!

Get excited!

Look forward to starting school and all the fun times ahead!

