

Welcome to
The Early Years
at
Stoke by Nayland C of E
Primary School



We are looking forward to you joining our Saplings class.



We hope you will enjoy finding out about your new class in this book.

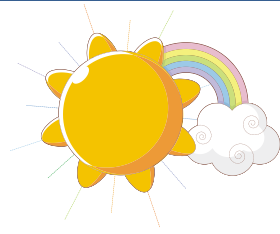
When you come to school you will have the chance each day to play and learn in our lovely Saplings classroom and our outside area. You will share these with nursery children and some older children too. There will be some new friends to make and maybe familiar faces you already know.

You will learn new things by exploring, asking questions and playing. There will be times when you can choose learning activities and also times when you will be asked to work with an adult on your own or in a small group and they will expect you to try your very best with the activity they have planned.

When you have the chance to choose there are plenty of toys and lots of space to have fun!



Can you see something you would like to play with?



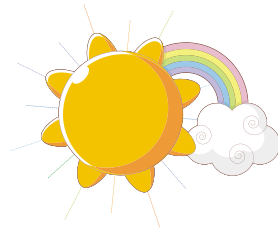
We will have new topics to find out about each term.
We hope you will be able to choose some of the things you like to learn about.

We will also be using other areas in the school to help us learn new things.



In the hall we will be...

dancing, playing games, practising skills, singing songs, playing instruments, eating our lunch, having assemblies (quiet times where the whole school joins together to share special stories and songs) and doing many other fun activities which need lots of space!

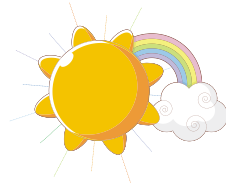


In the computer room we will be learning more about how to control the computer and finding out how it can help us to learn new things.



In our library we will be sharing and enjoying lots of different types of books. We may even spend special story times here listening to others read.





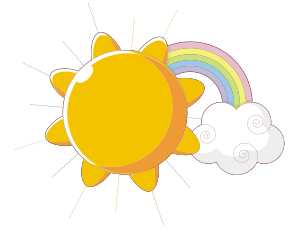
We will be using our large outdoor area to learn new things. This is covered by a canopy to stop us getting wet in the rain and will also shade us from the sun on hot days!



This is just like another classroom and gives us plenty of space to move, explore and learn.



We will also share.....



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the field



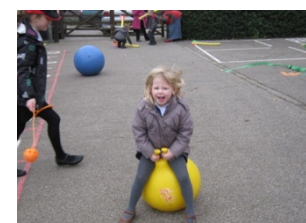
the play equipment

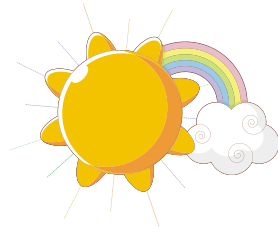


the spiritual garden



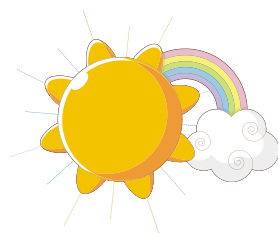
and the wildlife area
with the rest
of then school.





There are lots of adults in our school that take care of you and help you to learn.

When you join Saplings we like you to wear special clothes called a uniform. You may have already been wearing one. It looks like this!

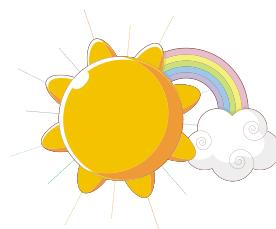


Please remember to bring a coat to school even in the summer just in case of showers. To keep warm in the winter most children like to wear gloves and a hat too and in the summer a sunhat for those hot days!

We bring different clothes in to wear when we go to Forest School.



We also wear different clothes if we are doing P.E.
(This is when we are able to move, explore, play games and learn how to use our bodies in different ways. It also helps us to learn to get changed on our own.)



Please remember to bring your book bag to school each day, this is for putting books and letters in, but not water bottles please!



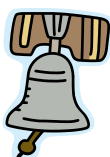
Don't forget to check your name is on all your clothes, they will be easier to find if they are clearly named.

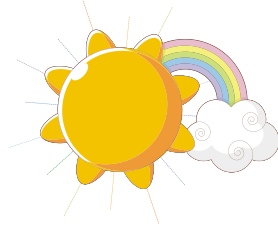
When you arrive at school on your first day you will see children playing in the playground. This is a time to meet with friends and to chat to the teachers.



When the bell rings you will need to line up, and your teacher will lead the class into school.

You may want to bring Mummy or Daddy into school with you when you first start.



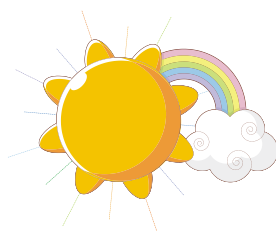


When you are in school you can then find your peg in the boys/girls cloakrooms and put your coat, book bag, snack box, lunch box and water bottle away in the boxes provided.

Do you think you will be able to find your peg?
Look out for your name.

When you arrive in the classroom your teacher will check which children are there by doing the register and finding out whether you are having a school lunch or bringing a packed lunch from home.

We have two playtimes in the school day, don't forget to bring a healthy snack for the morning play. In the afternoon there will be a choice of fruit or vegetables for you to choose from in school.



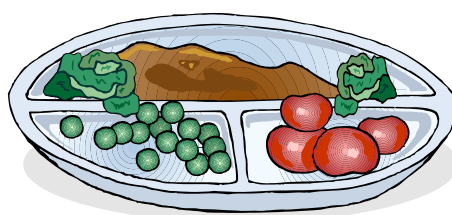
You will also need to bring a water bottle, it's very important that you keep drinking during the day, we will do our best to remind you!



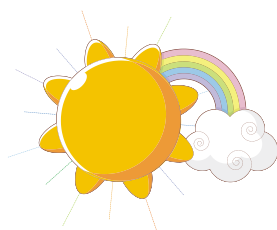
If you are staying for lunch you will eat it in the hall with your friends and adults who can help you. You can choose from bringing a packed lunch from home,



or having a school dinner.



You can find out what's on the menu at the beginning of each term.



When you need the toilet at school you must remember to ask an adult before you go so we know where you are and if you need help.

At the end of the day we say goodbye to our friends and teachers and go home.

Mums and Dads always want to know all about your day. It's a tricky question to answer at the end of a long morning or day, but try hard to think of something you have really enjoyed or something new you have learnt or done!

But above all, get a good night sleep all ready for another fun packed day tomorrow!!



We can't wait to see you!