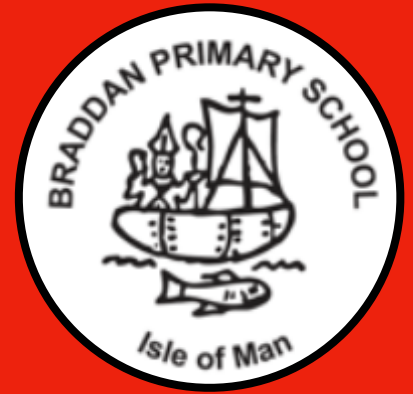


Welcome to Foundation Stage at Braddan School



Try your best

Learn together

Show respect

At Braddan School, we have three very important school values. Tryatops, Sharedactyl and Respectasaurus will help you to be a smart learner who is always kind and helpful.



This is Tryatops.

Try your best!

This is Sharedactyl.

Learn together.



This is Respectasaurus.



Show respect.

This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about your new class at Braddan School and what will happen when you start school.



Mrs Cowin will be your teacher in Reception Class and she will help you to be a smart learner who shows respect and is kind.

On Mondays and Tuesdays, Mrs Skelly will help you and your friends to learn well together.



Mrs Davies will help you to try your best on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



At school, you will wear special clothes called a uniform. Children wear a red school sweatshirt/ jumper /cardigan and a red or white polo shirt with wear grey trousers/skirt/ pinafore. If it is warm, you can wear a red gingham summer dress or some shorts. Sometimes we get quite messy when we are learning because we are using water, playdough, chalk, paint, glue or playing in our mud kitchen.

You will also need a P.E. kit for when we do sports lessons in the big hall or on the grassy school field. You will need P.E. pumps, shorts and a t-shirt in your house-team colour (blue, green, red or yellow).

We are really looking forward to you starting school with us. When you first start school, you will come to school in the morning or afternoon for a few days.

In the mornings you will come into our Reception playground through this gate.



This is our classroom. We will help you to put your coat, water bottle, book bag and snack where they belong so that you can find them.

In the mornings, you may come and play in our Reception outdoor classroom before school starts. Your grown-up will need to stay with you until it is time to come in. We love playing and learning in our Reception playground. Sometimes, we will play on the big school playground too.



In Reception Class, we will be doing lots of playing at school and we are really looking forward to finding out what you really, really love to do and what you are good at!

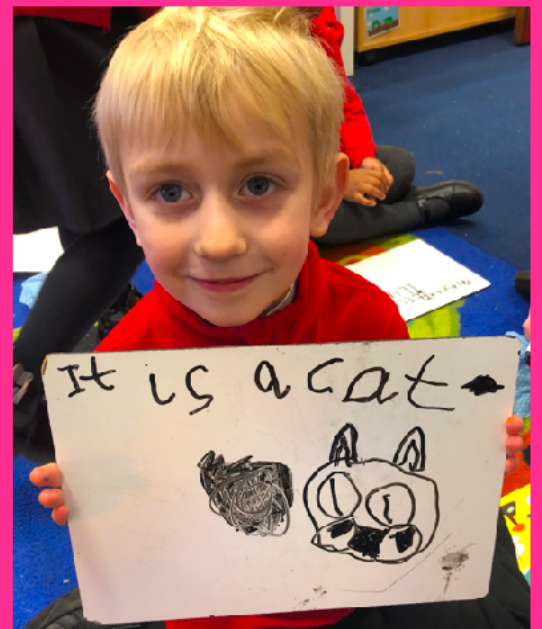
This will help us to make sure that we have lots of interesting things for you to do and learn about in our classroom and in our playground.

Don't worry if some things are a bit tricky for you at the moment, teachers always love helping children to get even better at learning. We will be so proud of you as you learn.

We really want you to love being at Braddan School.

The teachers will help you to do learning challenges with your friends. We will teach you how to read and write letters and numbers. Don't worry if you don't know any numbers or letters yet, we will learn them at school.

I wonder what your favourite thing to do at school will be? Will it be counting or building towers? It might be enjoying stories or making your own music! You might want to act out stories, play in the mud kitchen, pour water, ride a bicycle or scooter, write your name or make up your own amazing games.





We have snack and a drink of water before play-time on the big playground. You will need to bring in a water bottle to fill up at our water fountain.



You may bring in fresh fruit or vegetables for your snack, e.g. carrot, cucumber, apple or a banana. If your grown-up would like for you to have milk at snack-time, they can pay for it on Parent Pay.



Once you are ready, you will spend the morning and afternoon at school. You will have lunch in the dining hall with your class and you can sit with your new school friends.



Some children have school dinners and some children bring a packed lunch from home. We ask that you do not have any sweets, chocolate, nut products or fizzy drinks in your lunch.



After we eat our lunch, we go outside to the playground. Sometimes we play on the big field in our wellies and sometimes we play on the main playground with all of the other children in our school. The big children and the lunchtime ancillaries help us when we play on the main playground.

Once a week, we will go to Forest School at the top of the big field. We will learn to carry sticks carefully, build fairy houses and shelters and learn together like Sharedactyls. We really love Forest School!



We have a special red bookbag box for you to put your red bookbag in so that we can choose just the right books for you to read at home with your family.



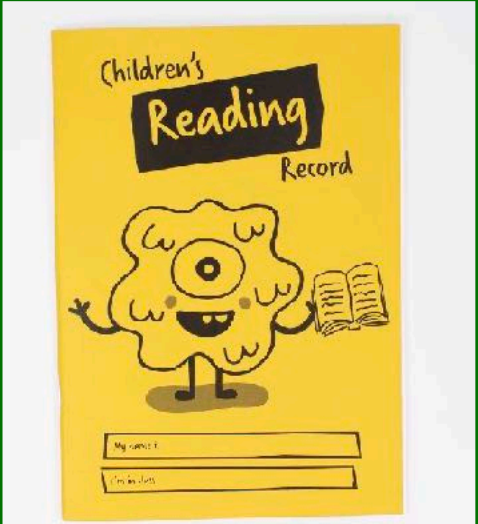
Reading at home every day will help you to get really, really good at reading. At first, we will give you books without words so that you can tell the story by looking at the pictures and saying what you can see.



When you are ready, we will give you books with words in them. When you read at home, your grown-up will write it down in a special yellow reading record like this one.



We will also do lots of fun reading activities at school to help us to learn to read.



When school is over, someone from your family will wait in the little playground to collect you. A teacher will stand by the door and tell you when it is your turn to go home. Then you will bring your bookbag, coat and other belongings home with you and you can tell your grown-up all about the fun that you have had at school that day with your friends!



On Friday 6th September 2024, you and your family can come to a school to enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic.



If it is sunny, we will have the picnic outside on this big field. If it is wet, we will be indoors in the school hall instead to enjoy our special picnic. Everyone in your new class is invited to come to school on this special Friday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

You can bring one teddy with you and your family will stay and play too. This will help you and your family to make new friends at Braddan School.

I wonder which of your soft toys you will bring with you....



There are lots of kind adults at school that will help you. You can say hello to them when you see them. This is Mr Chapple. He is the headteacher.



This is Mrs Ward and she is the deputy headteacher and SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).



This is Mrs Brookman and she works in the office. She answers the phone and does lots of important things to help people.



These are the cooks and the ancillaries who help us at lunchtime when we are eating our lunch and playing with friends.



We are really looking forward to you being at Braddan School!

