Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage

At Hounslow Town Primary School the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is seen as an important first step in our School. It includes our Nursery and Reception classes catering for 228 children aged 3 – 5. We have three part-time Nursery classes (am and pm) and five Reception classes. In our last Ofsted Inspection, 2018, they said, "In Early Years children make good progress because of strong teaching, learning and assessment."

Our Aim is to provide a happy, stimulating learning environment were all children are celebrated and where we promote good learning, development and behaviour.

The EYFS Framework. We follow the EYFS framework, which sets out 7 areas of learning. Children learn through play and follow a variety of topics throughout the year. We also work to develop the characteristics of effective learning. This fosters all round development and lays a sound basis for future learning.

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

Phonics We follow a national programme called 'Letters and Sounds' to help your child learn phonics. Nursery initially focus on environmental sounds, rhyme and rhythm, moving on to the sound of the letters later in the year. Reception learn the sound of the letter rather than their alphabetical name. The weekly news will inform you of which sound Reception children are learning each week.

Book Bags should be in school daily and will contain a selection of books, together with a nursery rhyme card and a reading record. The reading record will enable you to support your child to develop their reading. The School expectation is that you read with your child for 10 minutes daily and comment in the reading record. Comments can be in English or your home language if you prefer. Please check your child's bag regularly for letters and homework and ensure that old letters are removed.

Learning Journals and WOW moments. Learning Journals are an ongoing record of your child's development and we like the parents to provide WOW moments as part of this record. WOW moments could include, riding a bike, swimming, cooking, climbing and visiting family members.

How Do You Know How Your Child is Progressing. Staff are always happy to talk to your about your child's progress at a convenient time, which is usually at the end of the school day as it is preferable to settle the children as quickly as possible at the start of the session. There are Parent's Evenings in Autumn and Spring and your will receive a written report on your child's progress at the end of the academic year.

Other Ways to Help Your Child.

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible, letting them come into class on their own
- Please name everything including socks and shoes
- Teach your child to dress and undress themselves
- Volunteers are welcome for reading and trips
- Talk to class staff and let us know about your child's feelings and achievements
- Try to attend Parent Events and Workshops. If you can't attend in person please try to arrange for somebody to support your child.
- Encourage your child in all their efforts and learning