



Foundation Stage

WELCOME TO FS2
Also known as Reception!



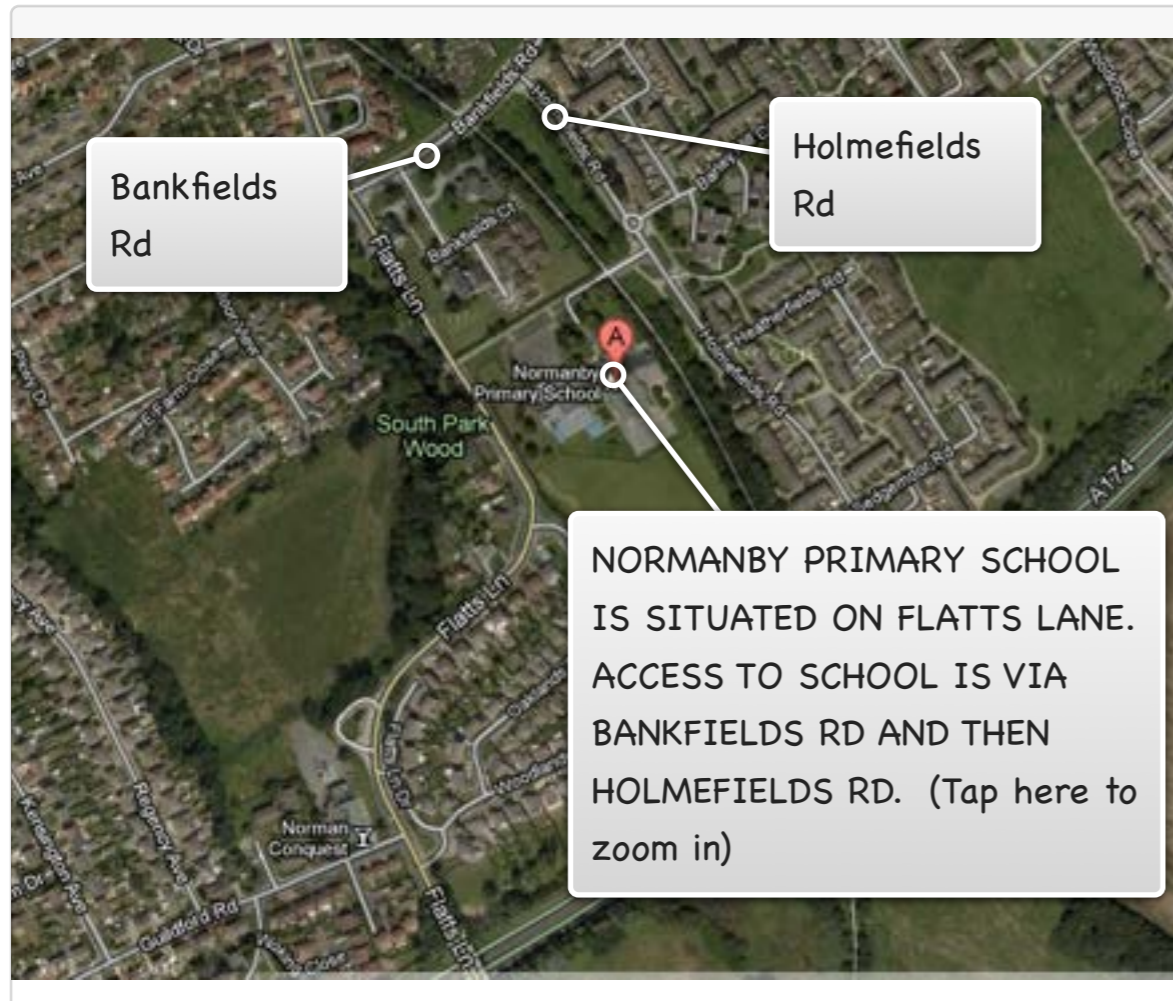
Ironstone Academy Trust



Normanby Primary School was last inspected in 2017, and graded as a good school with some outstanding features. Staff work with care and professionalism to make our school a place that children enjoy learning and parents can trust. In June 2014 we became an Academy. We are also a National Support School, working with and supporting other schools in the North East.

“Enjoy, Believe, Achieve”

NORMANBY PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Address:

Normanby Primary School
Flatts Lane
Normanby
Middlesbrough
Cleveland
TS6 ONP

Tel: 01642 469529

Fax: 01642 467778

Contacting school

If you wish to contact school please either email school, Foundation Stage staff or telephone the school office.

Please leave a message on our phone system or with office staff rather than ask to speak to FS staff during teaching hours.

email: office@normanby.org.uk

Our School



★ Main Reception

★ 2YO/Foundation Stage 1

★ Foundation Stage 2

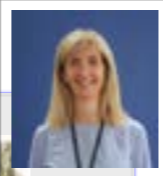
Keeping your child safe

- Parents/Carers are NOT allowed to drive into the school site
- All visitors MUST report to the main reception
- Bikes and scooters must NOT be ridden on the school site
- Dogs must NOT be brought into the school grounds unless it is a guide dog
- The school has a non smoking policy
- In Foundation Stage, Jewellery is NOT to be worn at school

Our Vision

'Every child and young person should leave our care able to live healthily, enjoying safe, happy and fulfilling lives, free from poverty and with a desire to continue learning, expand their horizons and realise their ambitions and aspirations'

Mr Carl Faulkner Head Teacher/CEO Mrs Kathryn Pentney Head of School



Office Staff



Mrs Metcalf



Miss Coles



Ms Hall



Mrs Hart

A pupil admission and consent booklet was completed when your child started at our school. Please inform the office if any contact details or other information have changed. ParentPay is our method for communication and making payments online for items such as school visits.

If you have any questions, please contact the school Office.

For more information visit our website: normanbyprimary.co.uk/parent-pay/

Keeping you informed

Whole school Information

Termly Foundation Stage newsletters (paper copy & email)
General information letters (paper copy or email)
Weekly school 'Feelgood' Friday newsletter (email/website/facebook)

School Website: www.normanbyprimary.co.uk

FS2 website page: www.normanbyprimary.co.uk/fs2/

Marvellous Me App: Download from the app store

Normanby Primary App: Download from the app store



Normanby Primary Facebook: www.facebook.com

Like us on Facebook. This is a private page for school/parents/carers to celebrate achievements and share information. Content must be kept private.

[twitter.com@NormanbyPrimary](https://twitter.com/NormanbyPrimary) (school account)

[twitter.com@NPSFS](https://twitter.com/NPSFS) (Foundation Stage account)



Normanby Sunshine Club

A Morning Club and After School Care provision is open each school day from 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.15pm to 5.45pm.

Registration forms and further detail about all of our provision are available from the school office.



School Organisation

School is divided into 3 phases of learning

Foundation Stage
Sunflower Nursery/2 Yr Old
AM: 8.40-11.40
PM: 12.25-3.25

Foundation Stage
FS1/Nursery
AM: 8.40-11.40
PM: 12.25-3.25

Foundation Stage
FS2/Reception
9.00-3.05
lunch 11.50-12.50

KS1 Y1 Y2
9.00-3.05
lunch 12.00-1.00

KS2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
9.00-3.10
lunch Y3/4 12.15-1.00
lunch Y5/6 12.20-1.05

Medical matters

Once children become full-time, medical support moves to the school nursing team instead of the health visitor team. Our School Nursing team visit school regularly for parents to see them about any matter of health concern. Appointments can be made through the Office. They can also be contacted directly at Low Grange Health Village Tel: 01642 838003. All children in FS2 are offered a school screening for weight, height, vision and hearing. Parents are notified but are not expected to attend the screening conducted by the school nursing team. Parents/carers will be notified of any concerns arising.

Early Help Intervention Practitioners

Julie Barnett/Kelly Lawrence



Julie and Kelly work part-time in school. They are available to support families throughout their time school. Please speak to staff if you have any concerns.


Accidents and illness at school

Accidents in school are dealt with immediately and recording procedures followed. If the accident is of a more serious nature then you will be contacted immediately. For minor injuries, such as a bump to the head or a visible injury a note will be sent home. If there are any other concerns or your child takes ill we shall contact you. Please ensure we always have up to date contact information for yourself and your emergency contacts. Medicines must not be sent to school with pupils. If your child is well enough after an illness to attend school but is still completing a course of medicine you may visit at any time to administer the medicine. It is also possible for staff to give medicines, but this must be done with the written consent of all parties and if required medical oversight.

Children with asthma who need their preventative medication will have it kept in a locked cupboard in FS2. A spacer must be provided.

Special Needs and Disability

We plan and work towards effective learning by each child. When we have indications that language, behaviour or physical difficulties may be preventing effective learning by a child then a monitoring system is established prior to advice being sought from the relevant agencies. You will be involved at every stage of the monitoring and be informed of any concerns we may have at the earliest signs of lack of progress from your child. Mrs Miller is our SENDCO.



Foundation Stage



We hope your child will be happy in Foundation Stage, have lots of fun, make friends and learn to do many new things.

Our aim is to provide a secure foundation for all children to ensure they make excellent progress through school.

We ensure that your child's experience of school is broad, balanced and enriching whilst following their individual needs and interests.

We work closely together to get to know your child so that we can support their play, development and learning.

Foundation Stage Environment

Foundation Stage is situated in the West Building.



Flatts Lane entrance

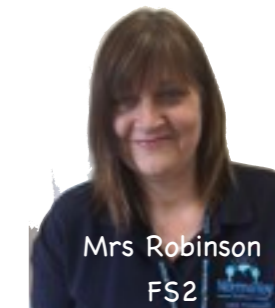
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Mrs S Robinson	FS2 teacher	rnpfs2@normanby.org.uk
Miss L Hodgson	FS2 teacher	rnpfs2@normanby.org.uk

Foundation Stage Staff



Foundation Stage Curriculum

There are seven areas of learning and development. Three areas (prime areas) are crucial for igniting children's learning, for building their capacity to learn and form relationships. The other four areas (specific areas) include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Making Relationships
- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviours

Children develop a positive sense of themselves and others. They make good relationships and develop respect for others. They learn how to manage their feelings and to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Communication and Language

- Listening & Attention
- Speaking
- Understanding

Children are given opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development

- Moving and Handling
- Health and Self-care

Children are given opportunities to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. They are helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Specific Areas

Literacy

- Reading
- Writing

Children link sounds and letters and begin to read and write. They are given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to ignite their interest.

Mathematics

- Numbers
- Shapes, space & measure

Children are provided with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures.

Understanding the World

- People and Communities
- The World
- Technology

Children are guided to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Exploring and using media and materials
- Being Imaginative

Children explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. Opportunities are provided for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, dance, movement, role play, and design and technology.

Welcome to FS2 (Reception)



Transition into FS2

Foundation Stage staff work together to ensure the children have a smooth transition from FS1 to FS2. It is very important to us that your child feels happy and secure at school.

Due to restrictions in place this summer the usual transition programme has unfortunately not taken place. We have however, been pleased to have been able to meet every child and one parent/carer for a 1:1 transition session with some FS2 teachers. We have walked through the FS2 environment and discussed what it will be like in FS2. Every child has also been offered to spend one full day in FS2 within a small group. Further information regarding FS2 is available on our school website. Please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the FS team if you have any concerns or worries, however small, about your child's transition. Small problems to an adult may appear large to a child and can create unnecessary anxiety.

Uniform

Our Foundation Stage uniform:

- ☀ Light blue t-shirt or polo shirt
- ☀ Navy trousers, jogging bottoms, leggings, culottes or shorts
- ☀ Navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- ☀ Trainers, preferably velcro fastener



Uniforms can be ordered from Quickstitch, West Terrace, Redcar

website: <http://quickstitch.clothingrange.co.uk/catalogue.asp>

You can also order uniform via our school office staff

Please ensure your child can identify their own belongings and that all clothes are named.

Jewellery is not to be worn at school.

Absence

Tel: 01642 469529

email: office@normanby.org.uk

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please leave a message via telephone or email to let us know as soon as possible. Attendance is monitored and recorded in line with our School Policy.

Holidays in term time are only authorised in certain circumstances. Forms to request a 'holiday absence' can be obtained from the school office.

FS2 morning routines

8.55am

When you arrive with your child each morning, please come through the top gate and wait on the grey path around the area near the playhouse.

When the yellow FS2 classroom doors are opened your child will enter through one of three doors which are accessible from the blue playground. This room will be where registration will take place and your child will have a tray for his/her reading bag. There will always be a member of FS2 outside to speak with if you wish.



Please aim to bring your child on time each day, as otherwise a late mark will be given. The gate is locked at 9.05am. If you arrive after this time please take your child to the school office. A member of our office staff will take your child over to FS2.

Jobs your child has to do once inside the classroom

1. Place snack money, completed reply slips, etc onto the table
2. Put your water bottle on the shelf
3. Put your reading bag in your tray
4. Hang your coat on your peg
5. Join your friends in your classroom



Our day in FS2

Your child will have a day packed full of fun activities and play! Each area of learning and development will be implemented through planned, purposeful play. Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.

Play will involve:

- ☀ Children initiating their own play and activities
- ☀ Adults initiating activities that are carried out independently by the children
- ☀ Adult-led activities

Play and activities will take place in different areas of FS, both indoors and outdoors. There will also be opportunities for the children to spend time in FS1.

FS1



FS2



Water bottles

We would like your child to bring a named plastic bottle (with a non-spill top) containing water, not juice or flavoured water. These can be bought from the office or you can use one from home.



Book Club

We will be continuing book club, as in FS1. If you would like your child to join book club please ask staff for a form.



Key Person

After a few weeks in FS2, your child will be assigned a key person (special person), following the same system as in FS1.



The key person will:

- ☀ Support the children in their group and ensure they feel safe and cared for
- ☀ Respond sensitively to children's feelings and behaviours and meet emotional needs by giving reassurance
- ☀ Support physical needs
- ☀ Be accessible and available as a point of contact for parents
- ☀ Build relationships with the children and parents or carers

Characteristics of learning

Children learn in different ways:

- ☀ Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- ☀ Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- ☀ Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things



Assessment

Assessment plays an important part in helping parents, carers and practitioners to recognise children's progress, understand their needs, and to plan activities. Ongoing assessment is an integral part of the learning and development process. It involves staff observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles, and to then shape learning experiences for each child reflecting those observations. Your views on your child's progress are extremely important to us. There are many opportunities throughout the year for you to share your views about your child with us.

Playtime

The children run our "daily mile" on the top playground most mornings.

They also play on the playground with Y1/2 children after lunch.

Your child can bring a small (non valuable) toy to play with. This must fit inside his/her coat pocket, where it will be kept all day. There isn't any room in your child's tray for the toy.

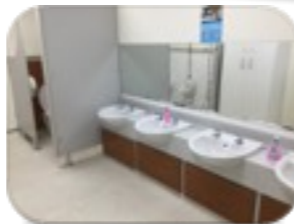
The children can choose a piece of fruit to eat each morning in FS2. This is funded through the Lottery National Fruit Scheme.



Toilets



Some toilets in FS2 are separate for boys and girls.



Lunch

Lunch is eaten in the West Hall at 11.50 am. FS staff talk to the children about what is available for lunch before they go into the dining hall. They also support the children whilst they are choosing their lunch. Please ensure your child can use cutlery correctly. We encourage the children to cut up their food independently, however we will help, if needed. Lunchtime

supervisory assistants support the children during lunchtime in the hall and also on the playground.



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School lunch for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children is funded by the Government. You will be required to complete a registration form.

If your child wishes to change his/her lunch arrangements at any time, a week's notice is required in writing.

If you choose to send a packed lunch into school with your child please ensure it does not contain any chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. Your child will bring the lunchbox home with all of the uneaten food etc still inside so that you can see what they have eaten.



Through our daily routines and activities the children are taught the importance of being healthy and safe. They are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day, before/after activities.

Snack

As part of your child's Personal and Social Development, we have a daily drink and snack during the afternoon. We provide a variety of foods that have different textures, tastes, methods of preparation and nutritional value, e.g. fruit, vegetables, sandwiches and



cultural food. The children help to prepare snack and talk to each other socially whilst eating their snack. The cost of snack is £1.25 per week. A cash payment may be made weekly or half-termly. A moneybag will be given to your child every Friday, to be returned the following Monday.



Homework

Please ensure your child has their reading bag in school every day. Any letters/notes will be placed inside your child's tray and then your child will put them in their reading bag before they leave school.

There will be several other items that are kept in the reading bag:

- ☀ Reading book
- ☀ Family book
- ☀ Letters and sounds activity packs



Parent/carer help in school

We welcome any parent, carer, grandparent, auntie or uncle who has any spare time to join us to support our work in FS2.

Some ways you could help:

- ☀ Listen to and talk with the children
- ☀ Read or tell stories
- ☀ Play games
- ☀ Bake and enjoy food activities
- ☀ Sing songs
- ☀ Help with DIY jobs indoors/outdoors
- ☀ Work with the children on the computer
- ☀ Help engage children in creative and construction activities

We would be delighted if you can help!

(We will ask you to complete a DBS form, which gives clearance for working with children)



Sharing Information

School Website: <http://normanby.ironstoneacademy.org.uk>

website page: <http://normanby.ironstoneacademy.org.uk/#FS2>

There are many opportunities for us all to share information:

- ☀ Termly Parent/Carer consultation meetings
- ☀ Termly Foundation Stage Newsletters
- ☀ Family book
- ☀ Weekly drop-in sessions
- ☀ If you have a quick question/query staff are available to speak to you before or after school.
- ☀ Mr Faulkner or Mrs Pentney may also be available or you can arrange an appointment with either.



Super Duper Shop

In FS2 we have a Super Duper Shop! To earn a Super Duper Token we have to do something that is 'super duper' - not just good! We keep our tokens in our own little jar. The Super Duper shop opens on Friday.



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We can spend our tokens or save them to spend later. We have our own account cards so that we know how much we have spent. There are lots of great things to buy!

FS2 hometime routine



3.05 pm

At the end of the school day your child will be walk out to meet you.

Please wait around the playhouse/grey path. It would be beneficial for the adult collecting your child to stand in the same place each day so that your child knows where you will be waiting. Please leave via the top gate rather than passing FS2. Please ensure your child can recognise their coat, jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan and that each item is named. This will make retrieving clothing at the end of the school day much easier.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff at the end of the school day please wait until they are free and all of the children have been collected.

FS2 Photo gallery



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End of FS assessment

In the final term of the year the EYFS Profile is completed for each child. The Profile provides parents and carers and staff with a well-rounded picture of the child's knowledge, understanding and abilities and their progress against expected levels.

The Profile reflects:

- ☀ Ongoing observations and assessments by staff
- ☀ Discussions with parents and carers

Each child's level of development is assessed against the early learning goals (see below.) Staff judge whether children are:

- ☀ Not yet reaching expected levels of development ('emerging')
- ☀ Achieving expected levels of development
- ☀ Exceeding expected levels of development

Early Learning Goals

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional

Managing feelings and behaviour
Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

Making relationships

Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

Self-confidence & self-awareness

Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.

Communication and Language

Listening and attention

Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Speaking

Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Understanding

Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories

Physical Development

Health and self-care

Children know the importance of good health through exercise, a healthy diet, and can talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

Moving and handling

Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Specific Areas

Literacy

Writing

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Reading

Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.



Mathematics

Shapes, space and measures

Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. They recognise, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Numbers

Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Understanding the World

People and communities

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

The world

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Technology

Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.

Expressive Arts and Design

Being imaginative

Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

Exploring & using media & materials

Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Achieving the Early Learning Goal

A child doesn't need to achieve all aspects of the Early Learning Goal. Staff judge whether the description within the ELG best fits the child's learning and development, taking into account strengths and weaknesses.

Parent/Carer views

We like to hear feedback from our parents/carers to ensure that our children feel happy and safe and can continue to improve. We send out termly questionnaires which give us your views on your child and Foundation Stage.

Spring Term 2020	Yes	No	Sometimes
Do you feel your child enjoys school?	100%	0%	0%
Do you feel we keep your child safe?	100%	0%	0%
Do you feel we encourage you to be involved in supporting your child's learning and development?	100%	0%	0%
Have you been pleased with your child's overall progress?	100%	0%	0%

Comments

"Her progress has been amazing, in all areas. Her confidence seems to have risen a lot and her reading and writing abilities seem to improve every day!"

"He always comes home happy and tells me the fab things he's been learning and doing."

"She cries on a weekend to go to school."

"All staff always go out of their way to help. They are always available on a morning and after school."

"Everything is good and keep on doing what you are doing because you are all fab at doing it."

"Parents evenings and marvellous messages are a great way of knowing what is happening during the day"

Children views

We have a discussion with the children each term and find out lots of things to help us make their time in FS2 happy and a great place to learn.

Spring Term 2020	Yes	No
Do you like FS2?	100%	0%

Comments

"You learn lots of good things."

"I like seeing my friends and I like the school lunches."

"Because it has best toys and I like it."

"I like it cos I like doing busy jobs."

I like FS2 and school because I do so much. I hadn't been before and it's cool.

"I think it's nice here, you can draw and play."

"Because school is kind to people."

Our Children talking about what they have liked doing in FS2 and what they have learnt.



Your support at home

Listed below are a few ideas to show how you can help with your child's learning at home:

- ☀ Support letters and sounds activities
- ☀ Provide opportunities for your child to become independent, e.g. dressing themselves, using a knife and fork correctly or helping you with 'jobs'
- ☀ Encourage your child to invent sounds, words, songs, music and rhymes
- ☀ Provide opportunities for your child to use pens, pencils, chalk, paints and simple tools, such as scissors
- ☀ Help your child to recognise shapes, colours, numbers and words in familiar places such as food packets, street signs and advertisements
- ☀ Help your child to recognise his/her name
- ☀ Introduce the language of counting and measures during activities such as cooking and shopping
- ☀ Provide opportunities for running, climbing and playing with hoops and balls etc
- ☀ Play games and complete jigsaws
- ☀ Enjoy talking about everyday experiences, such as, what they
- ☀ Share lots of stories

Visit our school website for some web links.

normanby.ironstoneacademy.org.uk/fs2-links/

Hungry Little Minds

Simple, fun activities for children, from newborn to five

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

Includes a list of educational apps



Special Events

Our children have lots of new experiences in Foundation Stage everyday. We love special events too - here are some of the exciting things we have done.



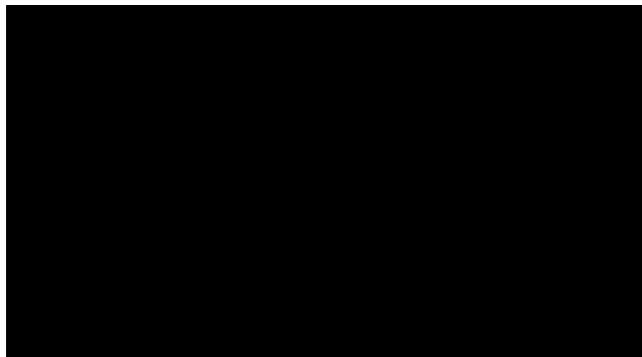
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And finally...



A quick tour around FS2



...we will strive to make your child's year in FS2 happy and fun!

