

Welcome to Reception



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Mr Dolman

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Mrs Kylie Waters Bumblebee Class Teacher

I began my teaching career in Essex where I taught for 5 years, before returning to my Devon roots and joining the Shiphay team in 2013. I have been fortunate to teach a range of year groups, but Reception makes my heart sing, so I'm delighted to be teaching in Early Years on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is a privilege to be trusted with some of the youngest members of the school on their wonderful learning journey.

In my classroom, I offer a nurturing, fun, welcoming and safe place where the children feel a sense of belonging, excitement and desire to learn in many different creative ways. I enjoy offering a creative and engaging curriculum and seek to provide opportunities to strengthen and develop learning across all areas of the curriculum, with particular enthusiasm for early reading and phonics. Play based learning is one of the most important and effective ways to help children develop and grow into the unique and wonderful people that they are, and something I advocate for to develop lifelong learners.

I am qualified in Level 2 Makaton and love to use this form of communication everyday in my classroom with all children. I look forward to getting to know each of the children to be able to explore and develop together.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role at Shiphay is mentoring trainee teachers. I take great pride in supporting aspiring educators, guiding them as they grow in confidence and expertise, and helping them reach their full potential.

In my spare time, I love to spend time with my 3 young children and going on plenty of adventures! I'm also a keen netballer and love walking & hiking! I love to read and hope to instil a love of reading in the children that I teach.

Mr Jon Dolman Bumblebee Class Teacher

Since I joined the Shiphay Team 12 years ago, I have taught in Year 1, Year 5, Year 4 and Reception. I really enjoy teaching in Early Years and seeing the huge advances that children make in their learning journeys. I especially like teaching phonics and seeing the children turn into independent readers over the course of the year. I also get an immense amount of satisfaction from helping to support the Reception children in their personal, social and emotional development which is key to shaping how they approach the future whilst here at Shiphay.

My motivation to teach stems from my experiences in my previous military career, where nine years were spent in instructional positions. These included instructing new recruits in engineering and training soldiers on their trade course at the School of Military Engineering. When I left the military I was successful in gaining a place on the 'Troops to Teachers programme'. My teacher training was split between academic study, gaining a First-Class Honours Degree in Primary Education Studies, with Brighton University and working in Shiphay Learning Academy for four days a week.

Since I joined the Shiphay team, I have had the opportunity to set up and run a successful Forest Club, which has allowed me to share my love of the outdoors with the children. I had the opportunity to work in many places around the world while I was in the army and had the chance to experience many different things, from working with the Kenyan Wildlife Service, helping to save rhinos, to looking for a lost Inca city in Bolivia. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction when I can use my experiences to immerse the children in their learning.

In my spare time, I enjoy keeping as healthy as possible by cycling and sea swimming most days. I also get very excited when out foraging for fungi and find some choice edibles.

Entrance to Bumblebee

The entrance to Bumblebee is just inside the Early Years' playground. A member of the Reception Team will open the gate at the top of the steps when it is time to come in.



Cloakroom

You will put all of your belongings on a peg. Please make sure your things are named so we know they are yours!



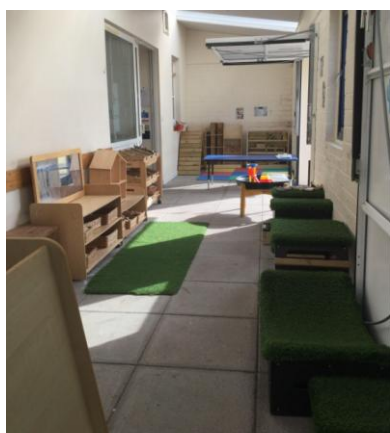
Reception Classroom and Learning Spaces

You will have all of these learning spaces to explore.

Bumblebee Classroom



Veranda



Outside Area



The Hall at Lunchtime

You will come in the hall to eat your lunch and sometimes for assemblies.



The Early Years Playground and the Toilets

You will use the playground at lunchtime and as part of your learning time.



Learning in Reception

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Creating and Thinking Critically – Thinking

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing ways to do things

Playing and exploring – Engagement

Finding out and exploring

Playing with what they know

Being willing to 'have a go'

Active Learning – Motivation

Being involved and concentrating

Keeping trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do



My Thoughts

Please use this space to write down or draw any questions you have or things you want to talk to your teacher about in September.