Reception (EYFS)

We understand that your child's entry into school can be frightening and daunting both for parents, carers and pupils alike therefore, here at QEGS we like to make this move as smooth as possible. We aim to provide a safe, stimulating and caring environment where all of our pupils are valued as individuals.

Before September

Once you have received your place at QEGS, we contact parents and carers by sending and signposting them to vital information, this includes, our school handbook, school policies and some getting to know your child activities. Your child will be invited into school for our Discovery Sessions, where they will be able to play in our Reception environment, get to see some current pupils playing and to prepare them for the transition in September. To gain a deeper understanding of your child, we also communicate with your child's pre-school setting.

The Curriculum

In Reception we like to design our curriculum around children's interests whilst providing opportunities and experiences to learn in preparation for their journey through school developing a positive attitude and enjoyment of learning. We plan half termly topics alongside the children's interests, which provide a wide variety of opportunities to learn though play, developing confidence and independence. Our curriculum encompasses the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. To promote independence and target specific areas of the curriculum, pupils are also introduced to Rainbow Challenges; these are independent activities the pupils must complete in provision independently.

Our Reception unit is set out over two classrooms, a middle-shared area, an outside playground and an outdoor learning area within the school grounds. We utilise all these spaces on a daily basis and ensure that our areas are well defined and accessible to the pupils. These are updated throughout each term to ensure a breadth of activities are available for the pupils. Our areas include a mathematics, writing, reading den, small world, fine motor, sand, water, role-play, construction, an outdoor kitchen and many more. Our specialised and dedicated staff are always on hand to enhance these areas with the pupils and promote pupil's interests.

Paternal Partnership

To ensure all pupils have a happy school life, we invite our parents to be involved as often as possible. Throughout EYFS, parents will be invited in for Story and Rhyme sessions, Stay and Play Sessions, assemblies, support on trips, productions and sports day to name a few. We also hold two Parents' Evenings each year and a formal report is sent home at the end of the academic year. If you wish to discuss your child's education at any other time, our staff are more than willing to talk to you about your child. Please contact the Primary School Reception to arrange a mutually convenient time. We also have Class Dojo that is used to share updates, photos, reminders and communicate regularly alongside the Primary School Facebook page and the school website.