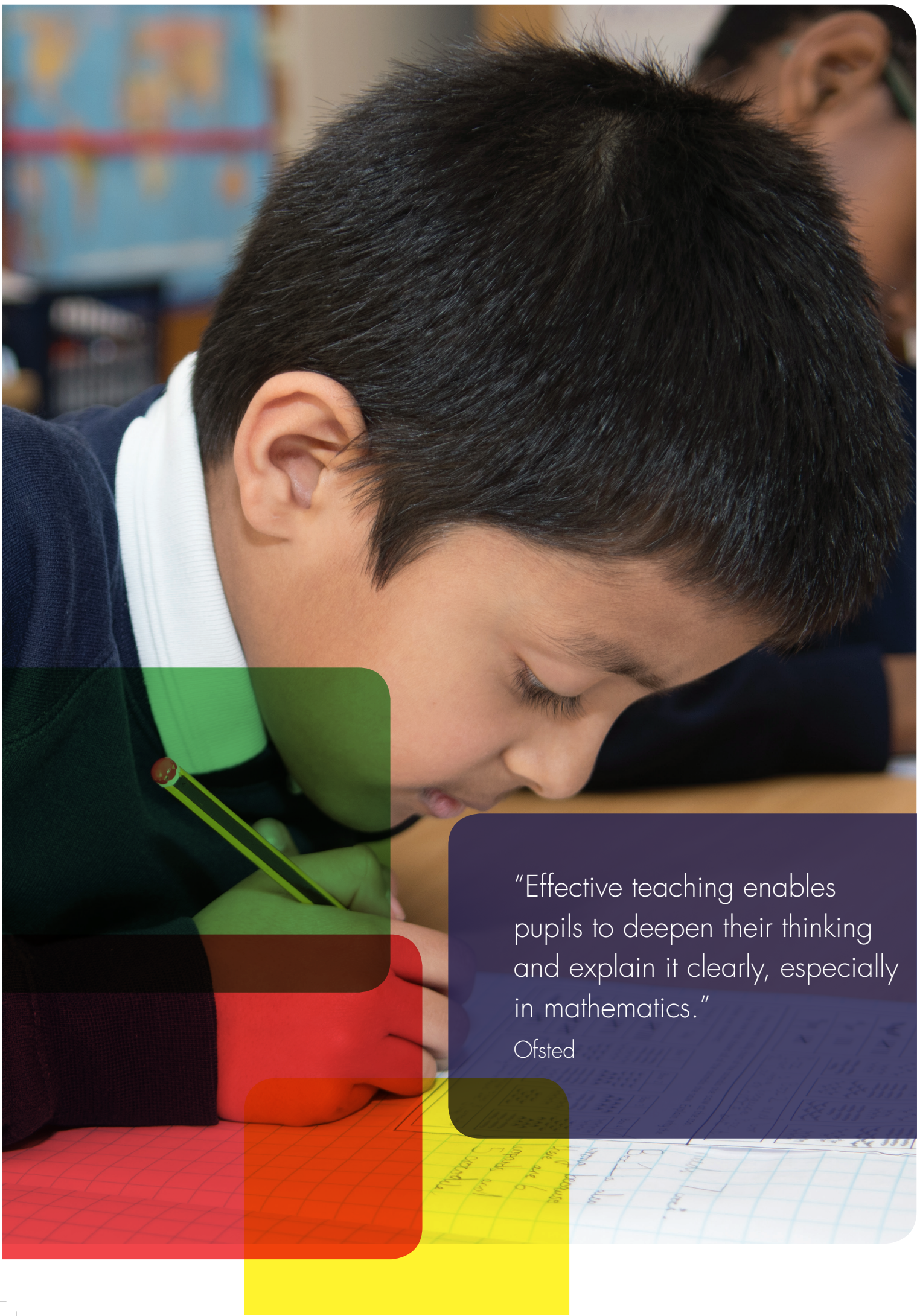




Bearwood
Primary School

Aspire • Succeed • Excel





"Effective teaching enables pupils to deepen their thinking and explain it clearly, especially in mathematics."

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WELCOME

"Thank you for all your hard work, effort and care you have put into making Bearwood the best school for our son."

Parent



Bearwood Primary School is a dynamic, exciting learning community with dedicated, passionate staff committed to ensuring the absolute best for all our children.

We know that education is so important – impacting on life chances, and that it literally has the power to change the world for the better. The whole team at Bearwood strive to ensure our children keep up with their learning and even excel, rather than need to catch up. We consistently evaluate our practice, making sure we meet the needs of every child.

Recent developments have ensured innovative practice which has led to our children making rapid progress in their learning. Our small classes in Reception and Key Stage One enable us to really effectively personalise young children's important learning.

Our school is very well resourced. We use beautiful, high quality books to deliver our systematic approach to teaching reading. We have recently attained the accolade of White Rose Maths Host School. Our newly devised curriculum map has been designed to ensure progressive learning throughout every child's journey from Nursery to Year Six.

Our aspiration is to be excellent, ensuring high standards in learning. A focus on ensuring the development of children's characters also helps to enable them to be resilient and productive citizens of the world.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to find out more information about what a fantastic school Bearwood is.

Funmi Alder
Headteacher



OUR VISION



We aspire to be an outstanding, values-based school at the heart of our diverse community.

Striving for excellence, our focus is to enable our children to be resilient and independent learners whilst also considerate of others.

Through an all-encompassing curriculum, our children will achieve their highest potential, and have a firm baseline on which to build successful and productive lives in an ever-changing world.

Aspire ● Succeed ● Excel

"Relationships are strong and nurturing. Older pupils act as helpful learning mentors for their younger classmates."

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Our steps to attaining our vision:

- An expectation that every child will succeed.
- A commitment to the mastery approach for teaching and learning – making sure that every child is included and progresses in whole class lessons.
- Very small Reception and Key Stage One classes.
- A vibrant Early Years Foundation Stage with every space and every minute utilised to ensure swift progress in learning for every child.
- Strong teaching of phonics, making sure children are given the tools to be independent readers and writers from the start.
- A very thorough approach to the teaching of reading – right through to Year Six.
- As a White Rose Maths Host School – high quality teaching of maths in all year groups.
- An inspiring curriculum incorporating all subjects that ensures progression from Nursery to Year Six, equipping children for the next stage in their education.
- Character building permeating the curriculum and all aspects of the functioning of the school.
- Excellent teachers committed to ensuring every child succeeds.



"I love this school. I have learnt so much. Teachers really do make lessons fun."

Child



All of our classes are named
after an animal that once upon
a time would have lived in a
forest named Bearwood...



"Provision in the early years is consistently strong. Children learn and develop their social skills well."

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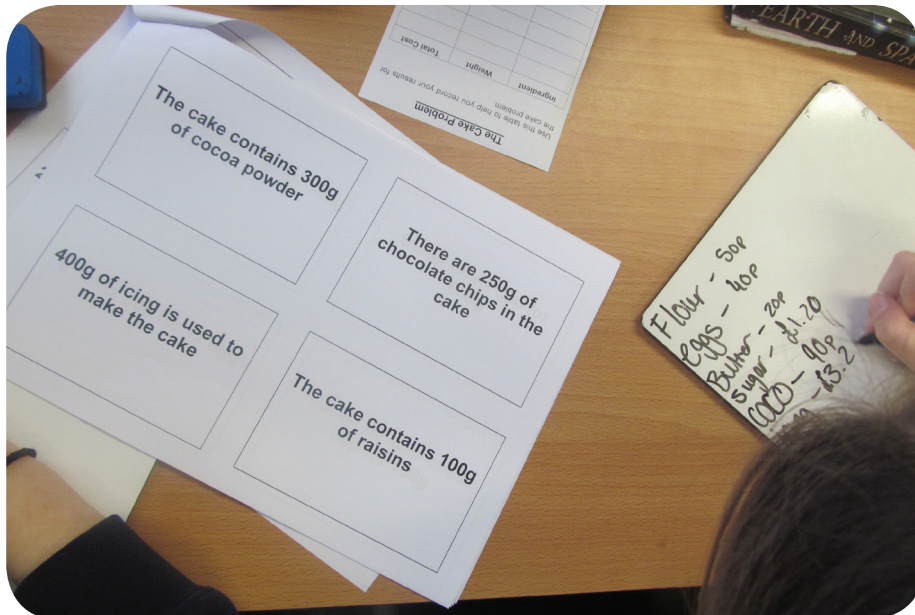


We ensure our children have a firm foundation on which to build their educational careers. For this reason, our Reception and Key Stage One classes are kept purposefully small. This enables our committed teachers to really get to know every child and so effectively plan for each child's next steps in learning.

We are extremely fortunate to have excellent and very well qualified practitioners in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We welcome parents to apply for a Nursery place at Bearwood, with the intention that their child will move into one of our very small Reception classes. Our Nursery children are our Bear Cubs. Our Reception classes are the Brown Bears. Nursery and Reception are based in the same

part of the school building, fully utilising their shared space for continuous exploration, discovery and active learning. This means our Nursery children are fully confident and ready for the transition to one of our very small Reception classes.

From the start, we develop our children to be confident, curious, independent learners. We have a particular strength in teaching phonics, which means that every child in Reception swiftly learns their letter sounds with no child left behind. The children are immediately encouraged to apply their learnt phonic knowledge to reading and writing. With our mastery approach, and 'keep up not catch up' mantra, our children flourish in the foundation stage, and are fully ready for a smooth transition to Year One.



"Fantastic staff who genuinely seem to care and want what's best for the children."

Parent

We are fortunate to have excellent teachers who really do believe that every child in our school can. Through the mastery approach to education, our children are taught in mixed ability classes with the expectation that all children will achieve as expected – or excel. We teach all the subjects of the National Curriculum in an engaging way that is very well thought out and progressive. Children are given opportunities to deepen their learning, so they remember and can apply their knowledge in a range of contexts. Rather than wait for a child to fall behind, we capture children who may be finding it difficult to keep up and intervene in the moment. Our teachers skillfully use high quality resources to scaffold children's learning where required.

Literacy skills are developed and embedded across all subjects, giving meaning and context to the children's learning. We have invested in high quality texts to engage the children and expose them to rich vocabulary and literary styles which they can draw from.

We aspire to be a school with particular strengths in maths and science. As a White Rose Maths Host School, we follow the White Rose mastery approach. Our maths lessons involve a very high level of child engagement, so our children develop a firm understanding of important mathematical concepts. Our Maths Subject Leader is a White Rose Maths trainer, which means we can ensure all of our teachers deliver excellent maths lessons.



"The school has a lovely
village school feel – the
children are very happy."

Parent



"Pupils collaborate effectively,
using discussion to share and
develop their ideas."

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"I really enjoyed it when we had our enterprise week. I learnt so much planning with my friends."

Child



Our curriculum offer to our children has been developed to be inspiring as well as progressive. Whilst journeying through Bearwood, our children will develop a rich cultural capital from the exposure they will have to the wide range of topics they encounter. Our up-to-date curriculum map can be found on our website.

Every half-term, our children have the opportunity to go on an educational visit or be a part of an interactive workshop. These important experiences further develop the children's understanding in the subjects they are studying. Examples include:

- Bucklebury Farm
- Portsmouth Aquarium and beach
- Windsor Castle
- Indian dance workshop
- Bear Wood, Bristol
- Ufton Court
- Stonehenge
- African dance, drumming and art workshops
- Residential trip in Year Six

Through a range of media, our children develop their artistic skills. All have an opportunity to learn to play tuned musical instruments. They engage in a thorough PE programme. Electronic notebooks are used across the curriculum, so children can apply their computing skills. There is also the opportunity to take on roles of responsibility such as school council representatives, playground friends, monitors, eco warriors and librarians.

We want them to be able to question and comprehend; and develop important skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity, innovation and high order thinking. Through experiencing our curriculum offer, our children will be well prepared for secondary school and a successful life in our ever-changing world.



"I love the way
the children are
encouraged to
never give up"

Parent



We know our parents are the first educators of their children, and so work closely in partnership with them. From when children join us in the Early Years Foundation Stage, parents are able to regularly communicate with their children's educators, and share what their children have been learning at home via the online learning journal. At the start of the academic year, we hold special workshops for our new Reception parents so they will know how we teach phonics, reading and writing.

In every year group, we send home termly reports, and hold termly Parents' Evenings. We share with parents how they can support their children to progress in their learning. We hold regular

workshops where parents can find out more about how we teach. We held a very successful maths open morning, when parents came and participated in maths lessons with their children.

Parents have lots of opportunities throughout the school year to come into school – to see class assemblies and performances; and for special events such as Grandparents' Day; Sports' Day and our annual family picnic on the school field.

We have a strong PTA who are always looking for more parent volunteers to help raise funds for the school. They have organised fayres, scare-crow trails and social events.

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Tuesday 28th January 2020

Instruction Writing

★' to obtain If you ever find yourself, stranded on a desolate island this, find with no habitation to be found, follow this guide to a sharp constructing your own comfortable, secure refuge.
rock (or

knife) to In order to assemble this shelter, you will need to acquire chop up the these quintessential components:
bamboo.

- ★ Lots long sticks / bamboo ★' (needs to be taller than you),
- ★ vines for weaving,
- ★ massive leaves - such as palm leaves - for your flooring,
- ★ tree sap for glueing,
- ★ and a large flat area of moist soil for your shelter.

Step 1) Weave 20 bamboo sticks together by using the 'over and under' method with your vines. In order to do this, line up your bamboo sticks and weave your vine over one stick and under the next. Continue this until you reach the end of the vine. Grab your tree sap and stick both ends of your vine to the edge of your stick-wall. If needed, use more vines to finish the wall. Repeat this four more times; ~~of~~ one of them needs to be ~~to~~ greater in size than the rest, you must have five walls now.

Step 2) Take four of those walls and connect the edges of them - using vines or tree sap - to form a cube-like shape without a wooden floor or ceiling.

Step 3) Thrust your ~~to~~ cube (by approximately 20 cm) into the moist soil, making sure it is sturdy and can stand up during high winds.

Step 4) Acquire your last wall - this should be taller than the rest - and place it on top of your cube for a ceiling in case you have vines in the

"Children develop strong language and communication skills that enable them to express their views articulately and confidently."

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ADMISSIONS PROCESS



"I am so pleased
my child came to
Bearwood.
It's the best
decision I made."

Parent



Nursery Admissions

Children are admitted into our Nursery class in the term after they have turned 3 years old. We offer part-time and full-time places. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Reception to Year Six Admissions

Admissions to other year groups are made via Wokingham Council's School Admissions: www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/

We invite prospective Reception parents to information sessions in November, where you can find out more about our fantastic school.

You can find out more about our admissions process and our current tour of school dates on our school website: www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/admissions

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