



Welcome to West Spreydon School and to Room . Here are a few notes which will explain some of the routines of the school, and the role of parents in helping their child settle into school.

The School Bag

This needs to be big enough to fit a lunch box, drink bottle, a sweatshirt and the reading bag (at least!). Please pack morning tea in a separate container for your child as we put this into the morning tea tray in the classroom and it makes it much easier to know what to eat at each break.



The **Reading Bag** contains

On Monday to Thursday, your child should bring home -

- Some reading material, either their **reading scrapbook** or a **reading book**. Please sit; listen and talk about their reading.
- A **reading notebook**. Please sign at the end of the line when you have listened to your child read.
- Any notices, newsletters and any relevant information.

On Fridays your child should bring home -

- A new library book. Library books travel to and from school in the reading bag. Library day is Friday.
- A poem book. Each week we learn a poem and on Friday we complete an activity related to the poem. Please share the poems with your child, they should be able to 'read' them to you.

No food or drink to be put in the reading bag

Please encourage your children to get into the habit of checking that their reading bags are in their schoolbags, before they come to school.

"Lunchbox and Reading Bag"



The School Day



- The bell rings at 5 to 9, so it is a good idea to give your child time to get unpacked and talk/play with other children before the bell rings.
- Encourage your children to carry and unpack their schoolbags **themselves**. This early responsibility for their belongings and the security in being able to do it for themselves is very important for school children,
- **Please take your children around to the cloakrooms to unpack their bags.** They can take out their morning tea and reading bags, hang up their schoolbags and head into the classroom to put their things away.

8:55 Bell rings. Roll and settling in
Phonics
Printing
Storywriting

10.30 Read and feed/Jump Jam

10.40 Morning Tea - outside play

11.00 Reading and reading activities

12.00 Lunchtime (15 minutes eating, 15 minutes play)

12.30 Maths

1.30 Playtime

2.00 Swimming/topic - health, music, dance, inquiry, circle time, science, social sciences, drama, art.

At 3.00 p.m. it is great if you can wait outside or in the cloakroom until your child comes out. Packing up at the end of the school day requires the children's full attention. They learn to collect their belongings and pack their schoolbag ready for home. Please let us know when/if you are going to meet your child elsewhere. We do like to keep track of children after school to make sure they are safe.

After about six weeks, we will contact you to make a time to discuss your child's start to school. Please don't wait until this time to ask any questions, or to let us know of any concerns you may have, or if there is something just puzzling you about school - please come and say!

