



## Welcome to Foundation

At Honiton Primary School, we want your child's first steps into the world of education to be enjoyable, engaging and inspiring. Through our open planned, well-resourced Foundation Unit we provide opportunities for all children to develop the core skills of social play, physical and language development, literacy and mathematics.

Our belief is that children learn most effectively through play. We want children to be creative, independent thinkers who can express and explore their ideas. Our definition of play is centered around free choice and the child's own interests - it is our rich environment through which they learn by experimenting, taking risks, collaborating and interpreting. Adults are more facilitators of learning rather than 'teachers'.

Direct skills such as phonics are introduced through short, whole class carpet sessions but the majority of learning is applied with individual children within their play - an incredibly exciting and rewarding way for children to grow in.

Underpinning this are regular assessment milestones that track each child's progress which then enables us to plan for each child's 'next steps'. These next steps are regularly shared with parents.

Our Foundation Unit is one of the top in the South West for outcomes for children and we are regularly visited by other schools who want to discover the secret to our magic.

We hope the photographs give you a flavour of our environment and our practice but if you would like more information then please call the school office to arrange a visit.

We look forward to welcoming you,

The HPS FU Team!

