



EMILY HAS BECOME MORE CONFIDENT AND IS ENJOYING LEARNING IN THE SUPPORTIVE SURROUNDINGS OF BUTTON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Laura and Liam live in Northern Moor with their children, Jacob, aged eight, and Emily, aged six.

CARING TEACHERS

Laura and Liam have nothing but praise for the staff at Button Lane Primary School, who have helped their daughter, Emily, develop more belief in her own abilities. Laura says: "All Emily's teachers have been very understanding and have taken the time to let her get to know them and she is now flourishing at school and doing amazingly well academically."

POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSION

Emily joined the nursery at Button Lane at the age of three after the family had just moved to live in the area. Laura says: "We wanted to find a good school for Emily and Button Lane Primary was close to where we live so we went to look round it and really liked what we saw. We put Emily's name down to start in the nursery because we were very impressed with the staff we met, who all seemed to have a lovely, positive attitude and it gave us a good feeling about the school."

FUN IN THE NURSERY

Emily suffered from separation anxiety when she first started in the nursery and wasn't very happy when left there to begin with, Laura says. "But once she got used to it and settled down, she loved going to nursery each day because she had fun there. She got on well with all the other children and played with everyone. The staff were excellent and helped with her personal development as well as with her education."

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

When Emily moved up into Reception, she struggled with the transition to begin with because she had to adjust to a new teacher and a new classroom, Laura says. "The teacher was very understanding and dealt with the issue well, spending extra time with Emily to get her used to things. One thing that helped was the school's Reward System, which enables children to earn green points if they do well at something. Emily loved earning green points because when she had obtained a certain number, she was presented with a certificate and a badge. We think it is a very good system and it provides the children with an incentive to try hard and do well. In Reception, Emily also made a good start with learning Phonics and reading and writing."

UNDERSTANDING STAFF

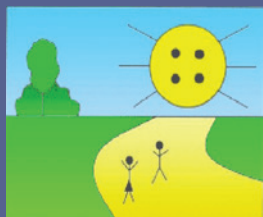
"When Emily went into Year 1, she struggled again with the transition. She had just got used to her new teacher when she went on maternity leave. She was replaced by two part time members of staff and Emily had to start all over again and get used to them, but her new teachers were very helpful and understanding towards her. All her teachers at Button Lane have been very kind, warm and approachable," Laura says.

HELPFUL GROUP

"Emily has become much more self-assured in Year 1 since being chosen to work in a group with other children from her class doing activities and playing games to boost their confidence. The group also talk about the different emotions children experience and this has helped her," Laura says.

ENJOYING LEARNING

"Emily now enjoys doing Art, RE and Maths, and is very good at reading and writing. She was always happy to praise other children, but not so sure of her own abilities before, but now her own self-belief has been boosted. Emily also loves doing Forest School, where she enjoys making things and learning about things such as fire safety. We are very happy with everything about Button Lane Primary and would not hesitate to recommend it to other families looking for a good school."



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CHILDREN SAY

Emily says:

"I like going to Button Lane School to see all my friends and my teachers."