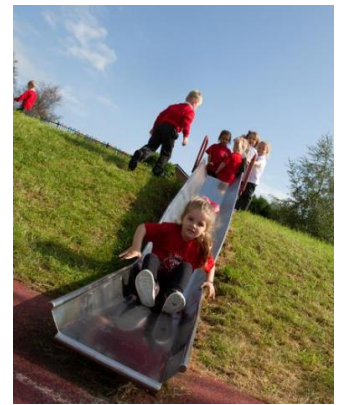


Reception
September
2022



Who's who in Reception?




Miss Browning
Monday- Wednesday
Maths Subject Leader



**Miss Wright (will be
Mrs Livingston)**
Wednesday- Friday
English Subject Leader

We will also have two full time Teaching Assistants in class.



Bespoke curriculum

We have created our own bespoke curriculum to maximise the progress that your child makes with us in their time in Reception. We wanted to ensure that the curriculum is accessible to all children with themes that are enjoyable and engaging.

Our themes will be:

- Autumn 1- My world
- Autumn 2- Colour
- Spring 1- Water
- Spring 2- Changes
- Summer 1- Colony
- Summer 2- Food

We have purposefully kept our themes quite generic so that we can tailor make the curriculum to respond to the children's interest and allow them to have a say in their own learning.



How will I receive feedback?

You will receive both individual and whole class feedback each week via Class Dojo. This will take the form of photographs of the children using continuous provision, interacting with peers, using the outdoor areas, proud pieces of work and general observations.

You can also upload photographs yourself to show what learning is taking place at home.



Class Dojo is an app that we use to keep in touch with you about what's going on in school and what your child has achieved. Children can be given 'Dojo points' by staff for all sorts of reasons.

Class Dojo can also be used to message us if you have any questions or concerns.

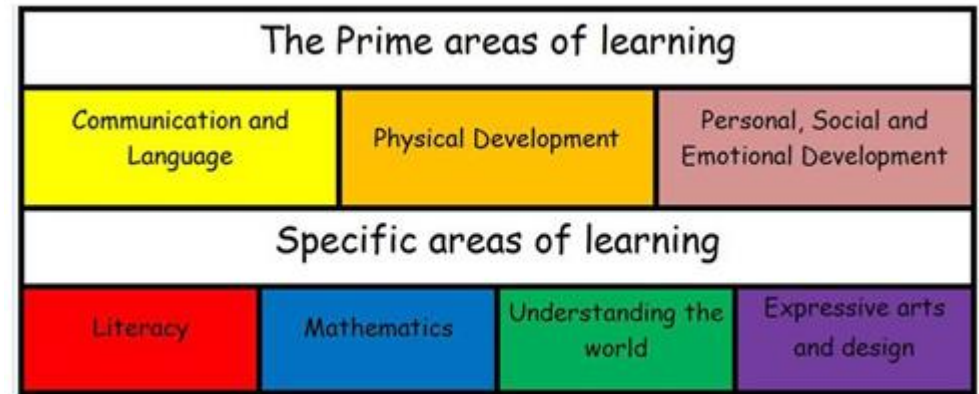
We will choose a Star of the week and Class Dojo points winner, which will be awarded to the children each Friday, in class until Christmas. We will then join the rest of the school in the hall for assembly. The winners of the certificates will be able to take home one of our class bears for the weekend.



How will be child be assessed?

In Early Years, there are seven areas of learning,

- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive Arts & Design



The three prime areas (in red) underpin the all learning throughout the early years curriculum.

We will assess children in Reception using Development Matters which looks at skills that develop in children from Birth to 3, Age 3-4 and Reception age. We will be working towards Early Learning Goals (ELGs) at the end of the Reception year which will ensure a smooth transition into Year 1 and beyond.

Assessment will be continuous throughout the year, but we will have summative assessments at the end of each term. This will be fed back to you at parents' evenings and in reports.

What equipment/uniform does my child need?

Our uniform can be purchased from Premier School wear in Ormskirk. You can order online in the St James' section of the website:

- Red jumper
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt
- Black polished shoes
- Red gingham dress (Summer)
- Our Pe kit is a red logo t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.
- We also advise children bring in an outdoor kit (jogging bottoms, sweatshirt/hoody and trainers)



Please do not send your child in with a school bag- we have no where to store these. Children only need a book bag so we can send home reading books and letters from school. Children also need a pair of wellies and a puddle suit that can be left in school at all times.

PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, INCLUDING SCHOOL SHOES, WELLIES, LUNCH BOXES AND WATER BOTTLES.



What skills does my child need before starting school?

Please see the handout in your starting school pack for ways to help your child prepare for September.

Starting School Skills

There is a lot to learn when your child starts school! Below is a selection of skills that your child will be developing during their first few weeks at school. Please support and encourage your child to practise these skills at home too and please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Personal Skills

Encourage your child to:

- wash and dry their hands;
- use the toilet;
- use a tissue to blow and wipe their nose;
- put on and fasten their coat;
- put on and fasten their shoes;
- put on and take off their school uniform (this is really helpful when we start doing PE lessons).



Independence and Sharing

Support your child to:

- take turns when playing simple games and share toys;
- join in with games and activities with other people. Try having a friend round to your house to play – this is great for encouraging independence and developing confidence too.

Eating and Drinking

Talk to your child about how to:

- make healthy choices at lunchtime;
- look at the school menu and try some of the different foods. If your child will be having a packed lunch, try packing some lunches together. What would your child like to eat? Can they open the different packages?
- use a knife, fork and spoon.



Speaking and Listening

Encourage your child to:

- listen to stories, songs and rhymes and to join in with repeated words or phrases;
- ask and answer simple questions;
- ask a grown-up for help when needed.

Does my child need a snack?

A selection of fruit or vegetables will be provided for children each morning, you can provide an additional/alternative healthy snack such as fruit, cheese and yoghurts.

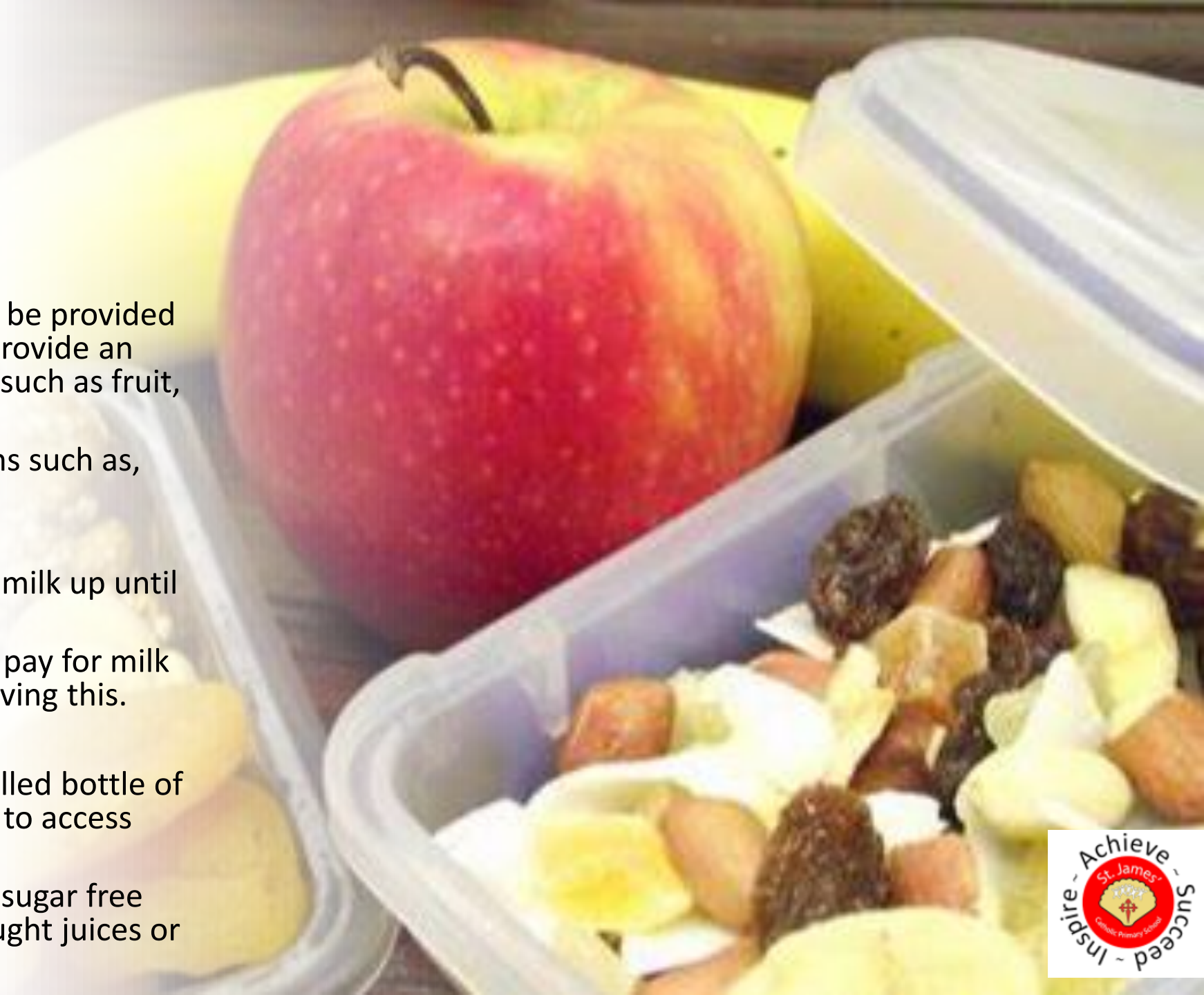
Please do not send in unhealthy items such as, crisps, biscuits, chocolate and sweets.

Children will also receive a carton of milk up until their fifth birthday.

After they turn five, you will need to pay for milk if you want your child to continue having this.

Please provide your child with a labelled bottle of water each day, children will be able to access these in class at all times.

Children can have very weak diluted sugar free juice. Please do not send in shop bought juices or fizzy drinks.



What happens at lunchtime?

Children will go into the main hall for dinner with the Key Stage 1 children, once they have finished their lunch they will join them on their playground for playtime.

Children can either bring their own packed lunch, or they can have school dinners. Children who have elected to have school dinners can choose what they would like for lunch each morning.



When will my child have PE?

Children will have one PE session each week. We will confirm which day this will take place on before they start school. On PE days, children must come to school wearing their full PE kits.

Each day, children will be given plenty of time in our outdoor provision.



How will my child be taught?



We will be following the **curiosity approach**, you will be able to visit our newly organised classroom in September to see this in action.



When are reading books changed?

Reading books are changed on a Monday and Friday.

Children will be given two books on Monday and then one book on Friday to read over the weekend.

Books will be phonetically decodable, as your child starts to learn phonics, you will be given materials and information to support you at home.

READING MATTERS!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A STUDENT WHO READS



WILL BE EXPOSED TO

1,800,000

WORDS PER YEAR

282,000

WORDS PER YEAR

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

AND IS MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE



ON STANDARDIZED TESTS!



Pick up/Drop off/ Passwords

Parents will be able to pick up and drop off children at the main classroom door.

Drop off each morning will be 8:45am. Children will need to be in class ready to be registered at 8:55am.

Collection time will be 3:10pm

If an alternative adult will be collecting your child, you will need to complete the password sheet for security purposes.



What should I do if my child needs to miss school for any reason?

We politely request that you do not schedule holidays during the school term, however, we understand that absence of leave may sometimes be needed. If your child will need to miss school for any reason, please complete an 'Absence of Leave form', which is available at the main office.

If your child is unwell, you need to contact the main office on, each day of absence, to advise us that they will not be attending that day.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment, you will need to show the main office proof of your appointment.

