

Welcome to Reception at Castlefield School



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Castlefield School



Ethos and building blocks of our curriculum



Castlefield School Curriculum Offer



**Learning for
Life**



**Experience
& Enrichment**



'No Excuses'

Staffing structure

Headteacher: Mr Kann

Early Years Lead: Mrs Sohal

Nursery Lead: Mrs French

Reception: Mrs Lottering

What will my child learn whilst in Reception?

Curriculum

Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage

Setting the standards for learning,
development and care for children from
birth to five

Published: 31 March 2021

Effective: 1 September 2021



Development Matters

Non-statutory curriculum guidance for
the early years foundation stage

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

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Prime Areas of learning

Communication and Language

- ❖ Listening, Attention and Understanding
- ❖ Speaking



Physical Development

- ❖ Gross Motor Skills
- ❖ Fine Motor Skills



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ❖ Self-Regulation
- ❖ Managing Self
- ❖ Building Relationships



Specific Areas of learning

Literacy

- ❖ Comprehension
- ❖ Word Reading
- ❖ Writing



Maths

- ❖ Number
- ❖ Numerical Patterns



Understanding the World

- ❖ People, Cultures and communities
- ❖ The world
- ❖ Past and Present



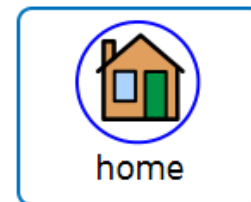
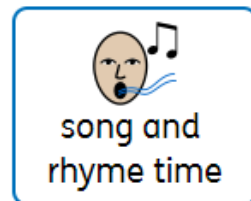
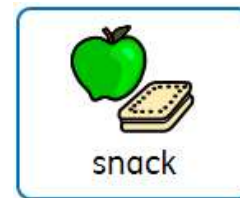
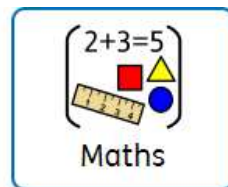
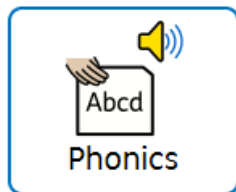
Expressive Arts and Design

- ❖ Creating with Materials
- ❖ Being Imaginative and Expressive



The school day

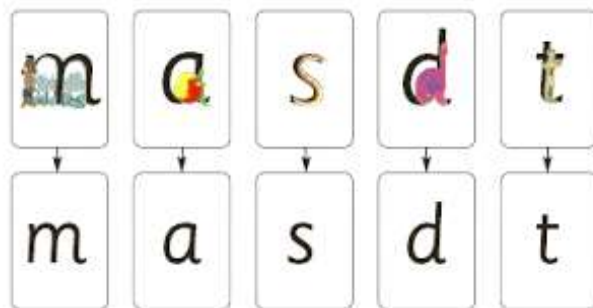
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3:00

Phonics

- ❖ We use the Read, Write Inc phonics scheme to support early reading and writing development.
- ❖ We have a daily phonics session.
- ❖ Your child will learn the letter sounds and how to blend.
- ❖ Children gets lots of opportunities to use and apply their phonics skills throughout the day in a fun way.



Maths



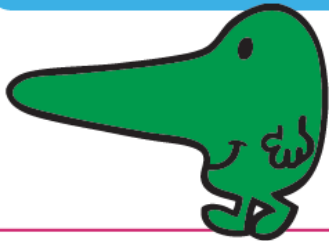
- ❖ We are a Maths Mastery school (Power Maths scheme)
- ❖ There is a greater emphasis in understanding and manipulating numbers rather than working with bigger numbers.



Characteristics of effective learning

Mr. Nosey

I enjoy finding out and exploring, like Mr. Nosey.



Playing and exploring:
Finding out and exploring.

Little Miss Curious

I play with what I know, like Little Miss Curious.



Playing and exploring:
Playing with what they know.

Mr. Brave

I will have a go, like Mr. Brave.



Playing and exploring:
Being willing to 'have a go'.

Mr. Adventure

I choose ways to do things, like Mr. Adventure.



Creating and thinking critically:
Choosing ways to do things.

Mr. Bump

I keep trying, like Mr. Bump.



Active learning:
Keeping trying.

Mr. Busy

I join in and concentrate, like Mr. Busy.



Active learning:
Being involved and concentrating.

Mr. Happy

I am proud of what I do, like Mr. Happy.



Active learning: Enjoying achieving what they set out to do.

Mr. Clever

I have my own ideas, like Mr. Clever.



Creating and thinking critically:
Having their own ideas.

Child Initiated Learning

Learning (play) that is instigated, led and controlled by the child rather than the adult.



Themes



- ❖ We will have a different 'Theme' each half term. The focus of our teaching, activities and experiences will be based around our Themes.
- ❖ Our trips and experiences will cost no more than £30 a year, this is less than £1 a week.

General information



- ❖ Children need to come to school in their school uniform with black shoes.
- ❖ The Reception gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50am.
- ❖ At the end of the day school finishes at 3pm for Reception.



Your child needs...

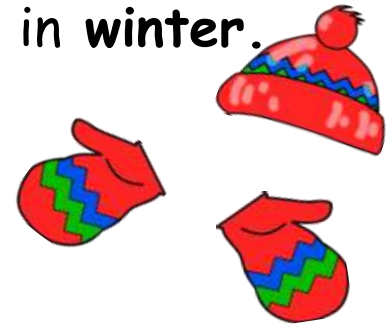


Book bag and water
bottle
every day.



A coat for playing
outside when **cold and**
wet.

Hat and gloves
in **winter.**



P.E.

1 session per
week



Sun hat when
hot and
sunny.

Attendance



- ❖ Children must attend school every day, even if they feel a little unwell.
- ❖ Absences mean children miss out on important learning and quickly fall behind.
- ❖ No holidays in term time!



Lunches



- ❖ Universal Free school meals are free for children in Reception.
- ❖ Your child's lunch order must be in by Wednesday for the following week. This will all be done via Parent Pay.
- ❖ Packed lunches - Please ensure your child has a healthy and balanced lunch.
- ❖ Allergies - NO NUTS (including chocolate spreads)
- ❖ Children can bring in a water bottle with sports lid.
(not juice, not frozen)



Homework

❖ Children will get their homework for the week every Thursday on Google Classroom.

❖ The completed homework will be checked weekly.

❖ READ everyday with your child,
discuss the story and ask questions.

(We change reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)
(We will also send home a book to read for pleasure twice a week)

❖ Sign the Maths and Reading sections of your child's Reading Journal.

❖ Children to use Numbots app daily for 10 minutes to help develop Maths skills.

❖ Holiday homework - 1 per half term.



Things to do at home to help your child prepare for Reception.



- ❖ Name EVERYTHING.
- ❖ Practise getting dressed on their own.
- ❖ Practise putting on his/her shoes and socks.
- ❖ Practise putting on his/her coat.
- ❖ Help them to recognise their name.
- ❖ Write in lower case letters NOT capitals (see attached handwriting sheet)
- ❖ Practise letter sounds NOT names.
- ❖ Share stories and books.
- ❖ Sing songs and nursery rhymes.



Writing



HABIBAH Habibah



Self Care



Things to do at home



- ❖ Support your child with their reading and maths homework.
- ❖ Use and support your child using Google classrooms.
- ❖ Talk to your child about their school day.
Ask questions and have conversations.
- ❖ Come and see your child's class teacher if you have any questions or problems.



What next?



- ❖ 'Transition Day' on Tuesday 5th July for current Nursery pupils and Wednesday 6th July PM for children new to school.
- ❖ 'All About Me' pack. Complete during the summer holidays and return in September when starting Reception.
(Will receive this on Transition Day)
- ❖ Term starts on Tuesday 6th of September 2022.
- ❖ School uniform can be collected from the school office on the INSET days 2nd and 5th September.
(Uniform price list and order form will be sent out to everyone via email)

Finally...



- ❖ Children new to Castlefield School need to complete an application form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
- ❖ All children starting Reception in September need to complete a 'Free School Meals' form as school may then be entitled to additional funding.
- ❖ Any changes to phone numbers, addresses and emails need to be given to the office.



Any questions...?

