St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford

The Ways, The Truth, The Life

Reception Curriculum Meeting
October 2026

St Vincent's Class



Miss Rycroft

St Martha's Class



Mrs Payne

St Ignatius' Class





Mrs Osborne and Mrs Knight

The Early Years Curriculum

Prime Areas		
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language
Specific Areas		
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design

Development Matters



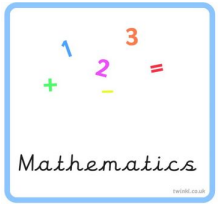
Our visual timetable

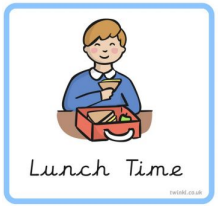
Door opens at 8:35 am











Lunch and play time at 11:45 am until 12:50pm



















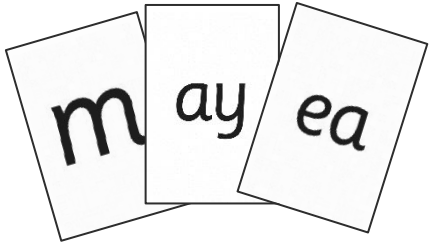
Home time 3:05pm

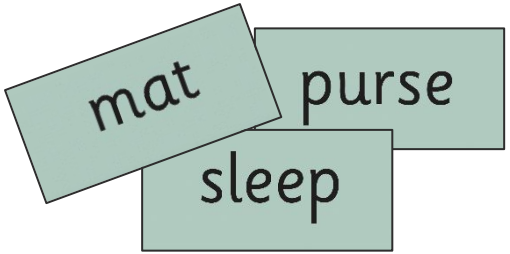
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Read Write Inc. Phonics

Colours are in a different order to the ones you may already be familiar with.









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Progress groups

Group children by phonic stages.

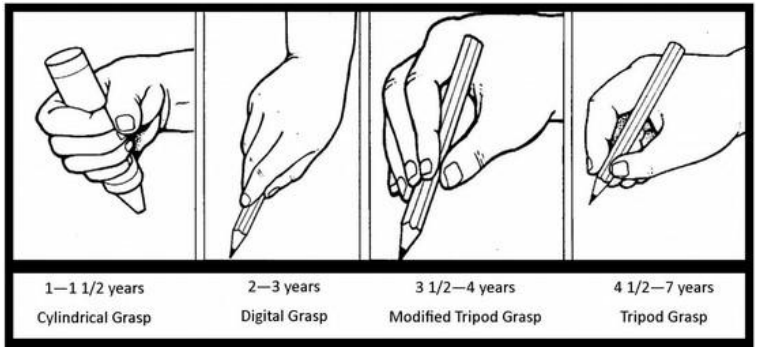
Teach to the group's challenge level.

Re-assess all children every half term.

Group children by their progress in word reading and fluency.





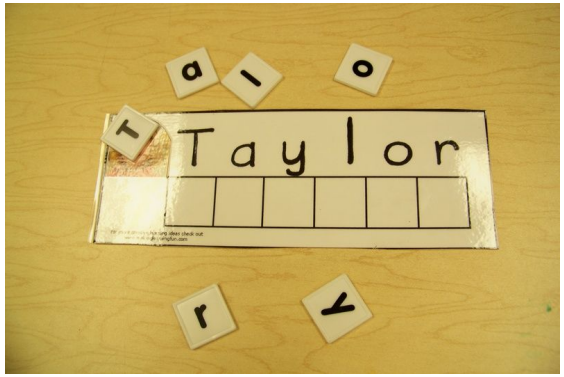


We teach print and it is really important that children are forming letters correctly, holding their pencil with a tripod grip.

Please encourage lower case letters and not writing in capitals.

Name Writing











Please support your child at home with name writing.
Get them to practise daily.
Make it fun.
Give them reasons to write their name - e.g. cards, labelling their belongings etc.

Mastering Number

Autumn:

Pupils will build on previous experiences of number from their home and nursery environments, and further develop their subitising and counting skills. They will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison.

Spring:

Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

Summer:

Pupils will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice.

Topic













RSE and PSHE

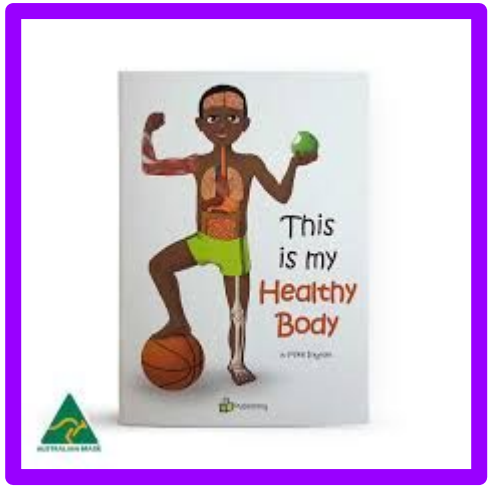
Children will be taught relationship, sex and health education throughout their time at school.

In Reception, this is taught at a very basic level. Topics we cover include:





Me, my body, my health
Emotional well-being
Life cycles
Religious understanding
Living in the wider world



Outside Area

Wellies



Waterproof coat



Optional:

All in one waterproof

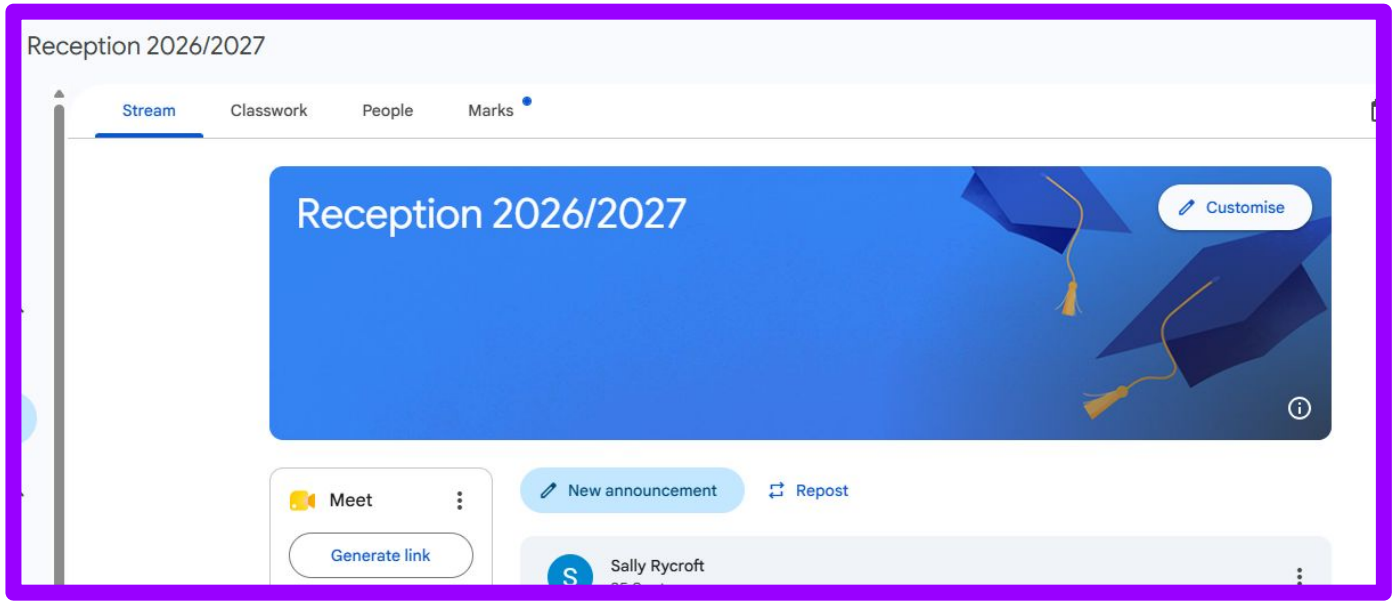


Spare clothes (we run out very quickly!)

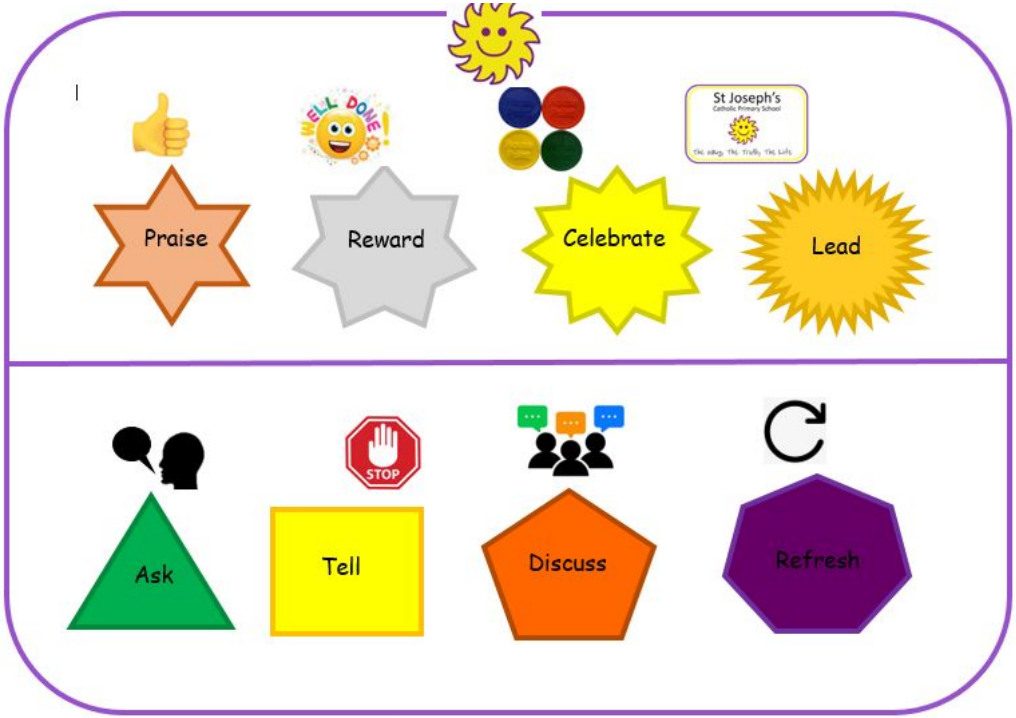


Google Classroom!

To keep up to date with our learning, log onto Google Classroom where we will be posting regular updates about the children's learning!



Our Behaviour Approach



Stickers
Your child may come home with a sticker and a reason why.



House points
Your child will be in a house.
Canterbury, Walsingham, Iona or Lindisfarne.



Can you help us?

Weekly volunteers to come and listen to readers/do numbers or take children to the library.
All parent volunteers will be asked to go on any school trip.

Please speak to the School Office to obtain a DBS.

Thank you for helping your child settle into school life so well! If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's class teacher.

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