

Welcome to the



Starry Starfish Class



Starry Starfish



We would like to welcome you to our Reception Class who are the Starry Starfish and we are accompanied by two very special mascots who help us on our learning journey. Please let me introduce to you Stella and Stanley.

Stella



Stanley





Reception Class Team

(The Big Starfish!)



Class Teacher

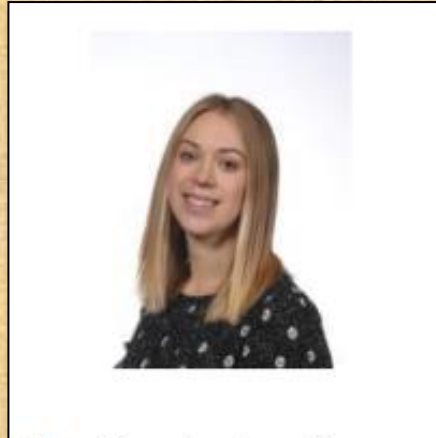


Mrs Mann

Supported By:



Miss Cook



Mrs Harrington-Groves



Mrs C. Ratcliffe
Mrs Ratcliffe



Miss Easdon



Mrs Ellis



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Wider School Support



Headteacher



Mrs Anderson

Welfare Officer



Mrs Day

Office Staff



Mrs Davis



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Our Classroom



This is where we read and play.



This is where we sit and listen to stories and sing songs.





Our Classroom



This is the door to our classroom.



This is our cloakroom.
You will have your own peg to put your coat on.





Our Playground



This is our playground where we can run around, play and have lots of fun.



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Drop Off & Pick Up



This is where we line up in the mornings. This is where we will say goodbye to Mummy, Daddy, family, childminder etc. You may pass on any messages to the adult on the gate or alternative send a message on Dojo.

School Gates open at 8.35am for you to wait in the playground and the whistle is blown at 8.45am when the children will be led into class.

This is where Mummy, Daddy, family, childminder etc. will pick you up from. An adult will dismiss the children from the gate one at a time. Please do not wait on the path and only step forward when you see your child is at the front of the line. If your child is at the back of the line with an adult it may mean we have a message for you.

Home time is 3.20pm and the school gate will be open shortly before this for you to wait in the playground.





September Timetable



September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 nd NON-PUPIL DAY	3 rd 9.30-11.00 - Group A 1.30-3.00 - Group B	4 th 9.30-11.00 - Group B 1.30-3.00 - Group A	5 th ALL CHILDREN Morning Session 8.45-11.45 Individual Parental Appointment Meetings	6 th ALL CHILDREN Morning Session 8.45-11.45 Individual Parental Appointment Meetings
9 th ALL CHILDREN Morning Session 8.45-11.45	10 th ALL CHILDREN Morning & Lunch 8.45-1.00 Individual Parental Appointment Meetings	11 th ALL CHILDREN Morning & Lunch 8.45-1.00 Individual Parental Appointment Meetings	12 th ALL CHILDREN Full Day 8.45-3.20	13 th ALL CHILDREN Full Day 8.45-3.20

Children continue the term on the full-time hours of **8.45- 3.20**

Group A – Children’s First Names beginning with A-H

Group B – Children’s First Names beginning with J-T

Individual Parental Appointments – Booked time slots





School Uniform

(Summer)



School Uniform Available from Anglia School Wear:

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Black enclosed toe shoes and hair tied back.



Please label and name **EVERYTHING!!**



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School Uniform

(Winter)




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or skirt



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
PE Kit





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 Please also provide a plain tracksuit as we do go outside all year round.

 Children need to be able to remove their own earrings if not please take them out before school.

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School Uniform



-  Bookbags to be in school everyday and checked every night. Please keep all books and homework in the bookbag as we also use them in school. Please provide a bookbag rather than a rucksack as we have limited storage space and these are kept in a box altogether.
-  PE Kit to be kept in school and we will send home at regular intervals for it to be washed.





Forest Fun!!



We are also very lucky to have an onsite forest area that we will access throughout the year in **ALL** weathers. Please can you provide us with a pair of wellies that can be left at school. We will use the forest and our playground in ALL weathers so please ensure they children have some form of coat with them even a light rain jacket in the warmer weather. Please don't forget to label and name **EVERYTHING!!**





Lunchtime



The children in Reception and KS1 are all entitled to a free school meal. The options they may choose from are Hot, Vegetarian, Jacket Potato or Cold Roll. The children will be supported throughout this time with dedicated staff to help them collect and eat their lunch. You may if you wish supply your child with a healthy packed lunch. Please see the following example menus, these are updated throughout the year but you will notified of any changes.

We also provide the children with fruit, milk and water at snack time so you do **not** need to provide anything or send in any additional drinks.





Week 1 Example Menu



WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Roll, with wedges and veg	Roast Turkey with roast potatoes, veg and gravy	BBQ Chicken with wholemeal rice	Fish Fingers served with chips, peas or beans
Veggie Option	Veggie Sausage, mash and veg	Vegetable Pie with wedges	Quorn Roast with roast potatoes, veg and gravy	Veggie Curry and rice	Quorn dippers served with chips, peas or beans
Jacket Potato	With choice of fillings				
Dessert	Ice Cream and Fruit	Hot chocolate sponge and chocolate custard	Oat cookie with fruit	Apple Crumble and Custard	Yoghurt
Cold Rolls	Choice of fillings and salad				

Water, milk, juice and fresh fruit and salad





Week 2 Example Menu



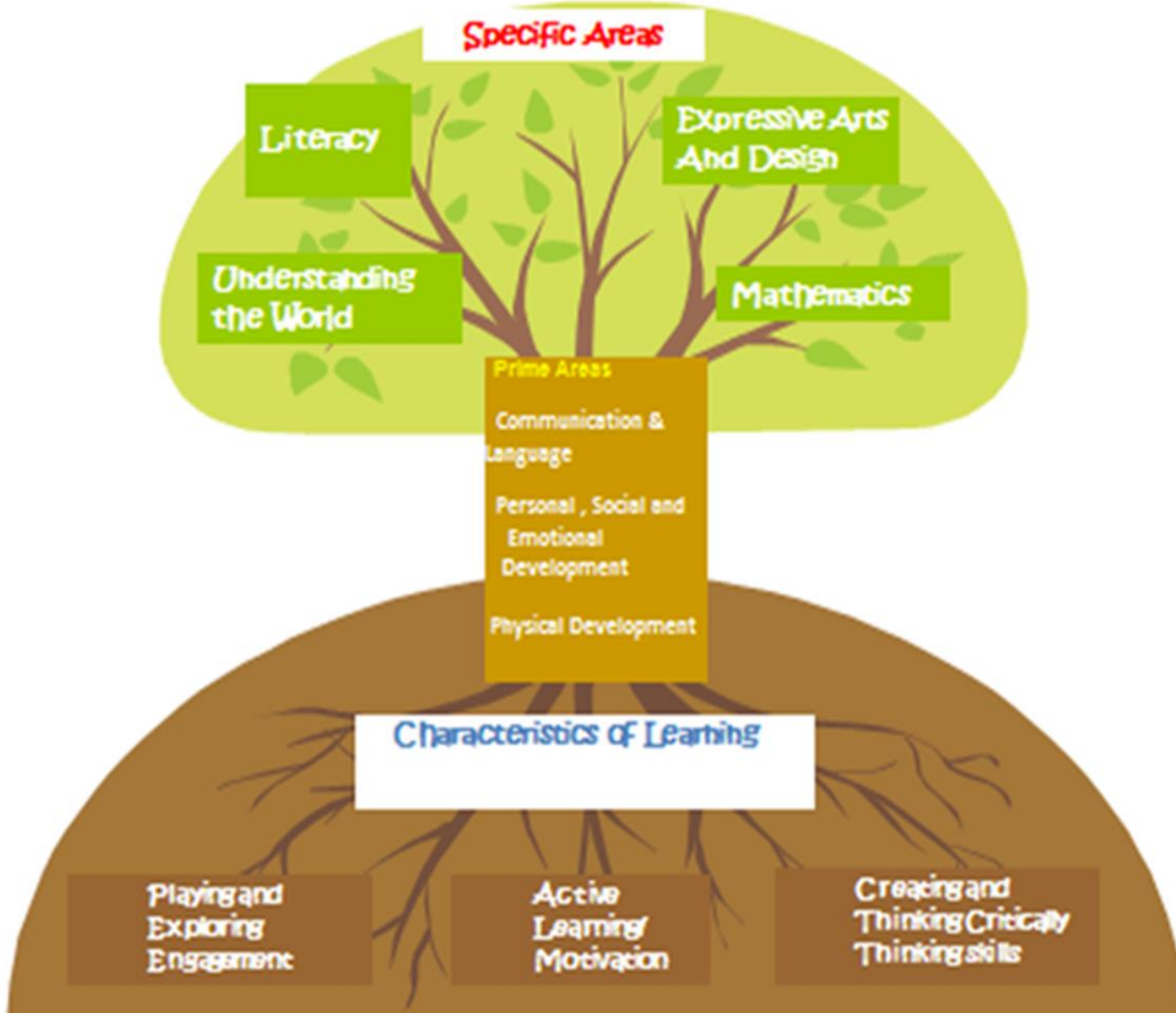
WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with potato wedges served with peas or carrots	Pork sausage With mashed potato and gravy	Roast Gammon served with roast potatoes, veg and Gravy	Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake	Southern fried chicken with chips, peas or beans
Veggie Option		Tomato Veggie Burger with wedges	Quorn Roast served with roast potatoes, veg and Gravy	Vegetable and Tomato Pasta Bake	Quorn Dippers with chip, peas or beans
Jacket Potato	With choice of fillings				
Dessert	Flap Jack	Shortbread with fruit	Lemon drizzle cake	Chocolate Brownie	Jelly and Ice Cream
Cold Rolls	With a choice of fillings and salad				

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Curriculum



The Reception year is the final year of the Early Years Foundation Stage which the children have been following during their time at their nursery settings also. This year we will be working towards achieving the 17 Early Learning Goals which cover 7 Areas of Learning. We continue to have play at the centre of our curriculum and also help develop the children's Characteristics of Effective Learning. I will share more information about this once we have started the year and also homework expectations and how you can support their development at home.



Please practise these during the Summer Holidays.

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.

The Road To School

Speaking & literacy

- I like to read stories & look at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy making marks
- I am practising holding a pencil

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I like playing games with others
- I like interacting with other children

Everyone starts school with different abilities - your teacher will help you progress at your own level.

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

What are you looking forward to the most?
Is there anything you're unsure of?

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my shirt & use a zip
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can change into my PE kit & put my coat on

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

School bus



Questions?



I hope this information has helped to answer some of your questions about starting school. If you have any further questions, queries or worries, please do not hesitate to send me a message on Dojo. Please don't feel like questions are silly or too small to ask, we appreciate that this may be a totally new experiences for some of you and we would like it to be successful.



Please do keep a close eye on Dojo as if there is any additional information or updates this is where we will be posting to inform you.

