



# Reception Learning Journey

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Starting school is an exciting adventure filled with discovery, imagination and new experiences. In Reception, children learn through play, exploration and meaningful hands-on activities that help them develop confidence, independence and curiosity about the world around them.



Throughout the year, children will build friendships, learn to communicate their ideas, develop early reading, writing and maths skills, and explore their creativity through stories, music, role play and investigation. Every day brings new opportunities to wonder, question, create and grow as confident learners. ☆



### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- Listen carefully and respond to what they hear.
- Make comments and ask questions to clarify understanding.
- Hold conversations and back-and-forth exchanges.
- Use new vocabulary in play and conversations.
- Express ideas and feelings using full sentences.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Understand our feelings and those of others.
- Set simple goals and keep trying.
- Follow instructions and focus on what we are doing.
- Be confident to try new activities.
- Work cooperatively, take turns and build friendships.
- Manage personal needs and make healthy choices.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Move safely and with control.
- Develop balance, strength and coordination.
- Run, jump, climb, dance, hop, skip and move in many ways.
- Use tools and equipment safely and with care.
- Develop fine motor skills for writing and self-care.

### EARLY LITERACY

- Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs.
- Learn all of the letter sounds.
- Learn at least 10 digraphs.
- Read words by sound-blending.
- Read simple sentences and books.
- Retell familiar stories.
- Write letters, words and simple sentences.

### 123 EARLY MATHEMATICS

- Have a deep understanding of numbers to 10.
- Subitise up to 5.
- Recall number bonds up to 5 and some to 10.
- Count beyond 20.
- Compare quantities up to 10.
- Explore patterns, shapes and how numbers can be shared equally.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD & CREATIVE ARTS

- Explore our immediate environment and the natural world.
- Learn about people, cultures and communities.
- Investigate how things work.
- Understand the past through stories and experiences.
- Create with a variety of materials, use imagination and express ideas through art, music and role play.

Respect      Resilience      Ambition



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We learn through play and active experiences across all areas of learning. These are the early learning goals your child will work towards this year.



### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

#### Listening, Attention and Understanding

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear.
- Make comments and ask questions.
- Hold conversations with adults and peers.

#### Speaking

- Share ideas in group discussions.
- Use new vocabulary in play.
- Explain why things happen.
- Express ideas and feelings using full sentences.



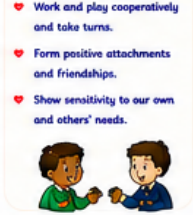
### PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Self-Regulation

- Understand our feelings and those of others.
- Set simple goals and work towards them.
- Follow instructions involving several ideas.
- Give focused attention and respond appropriately.

#### Managing Self

- Be confident to try new activities.
- Keep trying and show resilience.
- Know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly.
- Manage our hygiene and healthy choices.



### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Gross Motor Skills

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely.
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination.
- Move energetically (running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing).

#### Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil effectively using the tripod grip.
- Use a range of small tools (scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery).
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.



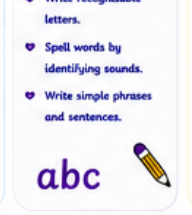
### LITERACY

#### Comprehension

- Understand stories and retell using own words.
- Anticipate key events in stories.
- Use new vocabulary in discussions, stories and role play.

#### Word Reading

- Say a sound for each letter and at least 10 digraphs.
- Read words by sound-blending.
- Read simple sentences and books consistent with phonics.



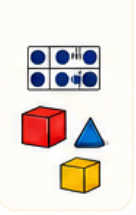
### 123 MATHEMATICS

#### Number

- Understand numbers to 10 and their composition.
- Subitise up to 5.
- Recall number bonds to 5 and some to 10.

#### Numerical Patterns

- Count beyond 20, recognising the pattern.
- Compare quantities up to 10.
- Explore and represent patterns (evens, odds, doubles, sharing equally).



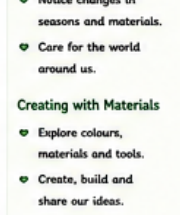
### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD & CREATIVE ARTS

#### Past and Present

- Talk about our lives, roles and families.
- Notice differences between past and present.
- Learn from stories and special events.

#### People, Culture and Communities

- Explore different places and cultures.
- Celebrate similarities and differences.
- Talk about life in other countries.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

### READING

- Read stories together every day.
- Talk about characters and what might happen next.
- Enjoy rhymes, songs and nursery rhymes.
- Encourage children to spot letters and sounds.
- Celebrate every reading success, no matter how small.



### 123 MATHEMATICS

- Count objects during everyday activities.
- Spot numbers in the environment.
- Play simple counting and matching games.
- Talk about shapes, patterns and measures.
- Practise number recognition through play.



### TALKING & LISTENING

- Encourage conversations throughout the day.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Introduce and explain new vocabulary.
- Listen carefully to your child's ideas.
- Share stories and experiences together.



### LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

- Encourage imaginative play and role play.
- Explore outdoors whenever possible.
- Create, build, draw and investigate together.
- Allow children to ask questions and explore solutions.
- Celebrate curiosity and creativity!



### WORKING TOGETHER

Children make the greatest progress when school and home work in partnership. By encouraging resilience, independence, curiosity and problem-solving, you can help your child develop the confidence and skills they need for the future.

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