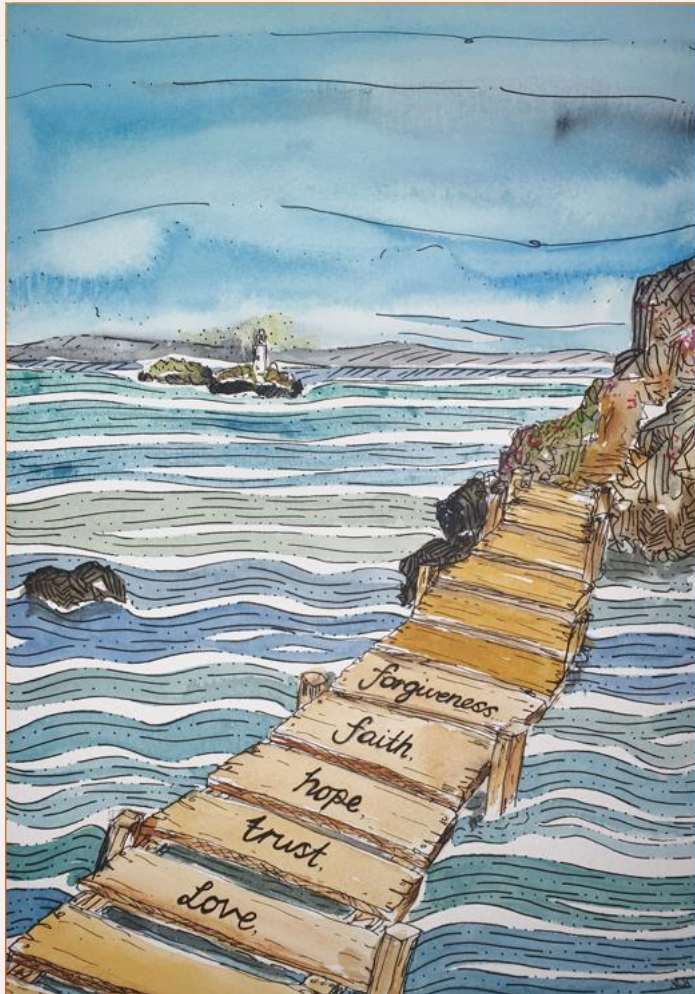




WELCOME TO RECEPTION



OUR SCHOOL VISION



Our vision stems from the following verse in the Bible:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

We believe that every child should fulfil their potential and that we want everyone to flourish.

You can read our full vision statement on our website. Click on ‘Our Faith’ and ‘Vision and Values’.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

hope

love

trust

faith

forgiveness

KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF



Mr Davies

Headteacher



Mrs Rindsland

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Coady

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Small

SENDCO

TURTLE CLASS



Miss Levett

Teacher



Mrs Curtis

LSA

DOLPHIN CLASS



Miss Clements

Teacher



Miss Birch

NNEB

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS



Miss Birdseye

LSA



Mrs Muller

LSA



Ms Simpson

LSA

TRANSITION INTO RECEPTION



A smooth transition into Reception is so important for the wellbeing of your child.

To ensure each child feels as settled as possible, we have a staggered starting date and progression into full time school.

This allows your child to adapt to being at school full time at a steady pace.

WHEN DOES MY CHILD START SCHOOL?



- Each child will be allocated a class and a start date. Start dates will vary for each child. This information will be emailed to you.
- School starts at 8.40am
- The week of the 7th September and 11th September, children will be attending school from 8.40am-12.30pm and will be having lunch at school. If your child previously attended our nursery 30 hour provision or 30 hour provision at another setting they will stay at school until 3.10pm.
- For the next **2 weeks** (**Monday 18th September to Friday 29th September**) they will attend school from 8.40am-1.15pm. This will give them a chance to have playtime after lunch and get used to the routine.
- **Turtle Class** will enter and be collected from the decking door.
- **Dolphin Class** will enter and be collected from the side classroom door.
- On their first day, staff will be available to guide you to the correct place.
- From **Monday the 2nd October** all children will attend full time from 8.40am until 3.10pm.

SNACK TIME



Fruit

There is always a piece of fruit available throughout the school day.



Milk

Milk is available free for under 5's by registering on www.coolmilk.com/register and can be paid for thereafter.

LUNCHTIME

Your child has two choices for lunch.



A free school dinner

This includes a meat option, vegetarian option or a jacket potato, a dessert and fresh fruit or yoghurt

OR



A healthy packed lunch

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is available for Reception children from October, following half term, as long as they are well settled in their class.

Breakfast club is available everyday from 7.30 am for £2 per day.

This is a pre-booked club that can be booked via ParentPay. A form can be requested from the office and needs to be completed and returned prior to your child starting. Additional information on how to book with then follow.



SCHOOL UNIFORM



- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or grey trousers (long or short trousers)
- Maroon jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Blue and white check summer dress
- Flat black or brown shoes
- Open sandals, boots and black trainers are not acceptable
- Only school book bags are needed, backpacks are not required.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHES!

UNIFORM - WHERE TO ORDER

- Uniform should be ordered from our online shop which can be found here: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/cowley>
- A link is also available on our school website. Click on the 'Information' tab and then 'uniform'.



PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHES!



SCHOOL P.E KIT

BOYS AND GIRLS

- Black plimsolls
- Maroon shorts
- Blue school t-shirt
- No Jewellery



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MISPLACED ITEMS

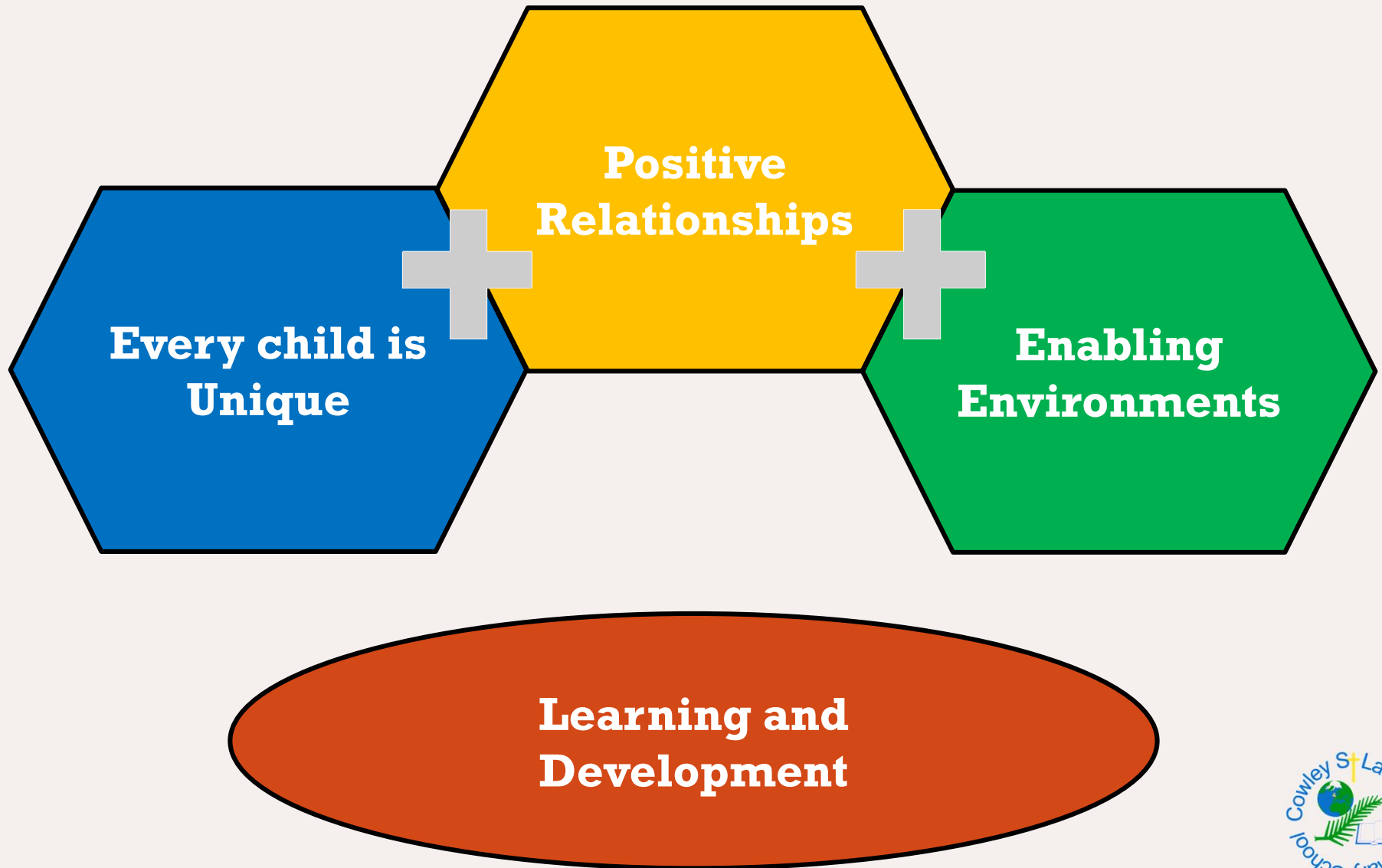


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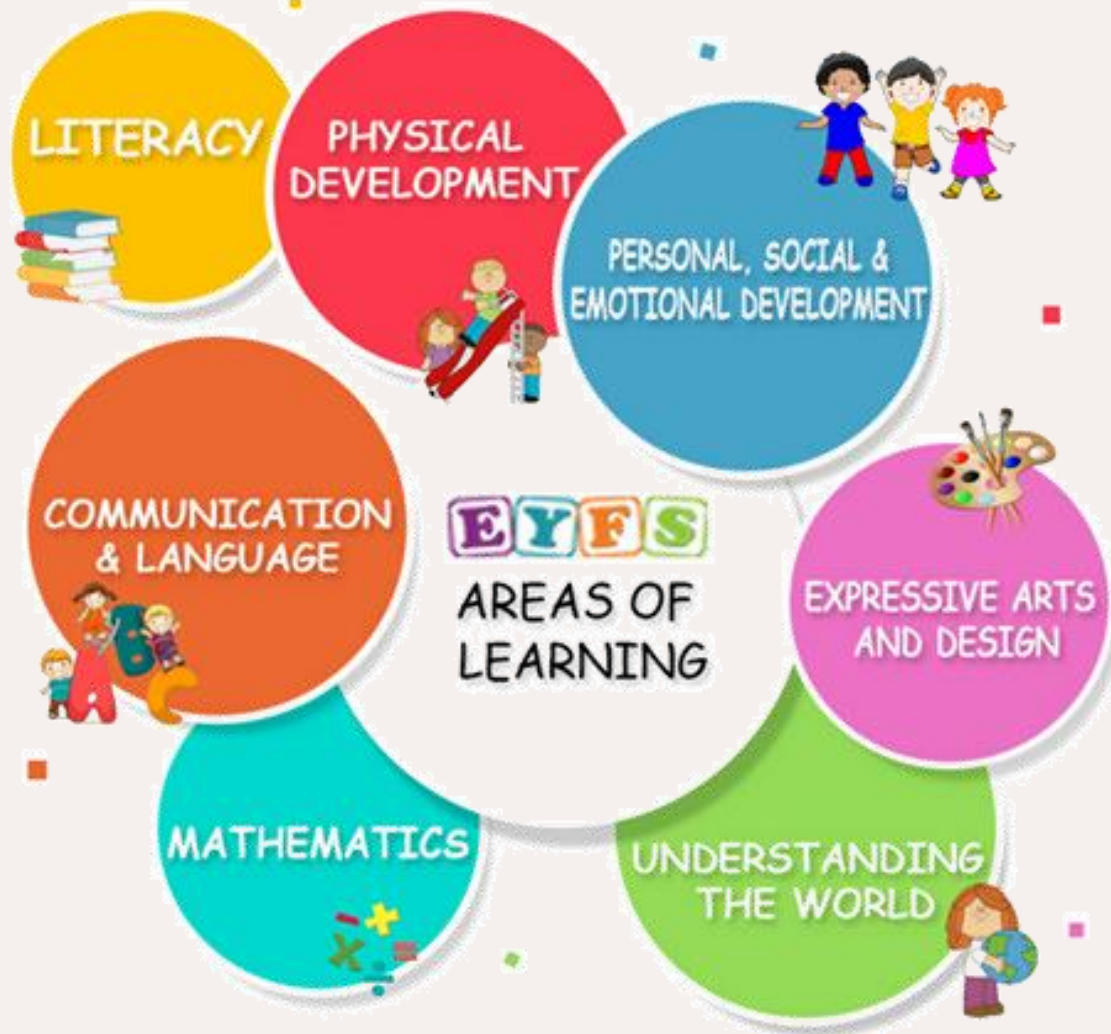
During the day, children often get hot and take their jumpers off and will often forget where they have put them.

To ensure that your children's clothes can be identified when misplaced, please label them before their first day at school!

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN RECEPTION



AREAS OF LEARNING



OUR RECENT OFSTED REPORT SAID;

Children in the Reception and Nursery class learn in a space designed to foster their independence. Adults are skilled in promoting children's language development. They provide rich opportunities for children to build up their vocabulary and explore the world around them, from melting blocks of ice to hatching ducklings.

The early years curriculum is planned to provide children with the foundations they need for their learning in all subjects. For example, children gain a strong understanding of number through a range of well-planned activities.

A TYPICAL DAY IN RECEPTION



The children start every morning with a Phonics lesson. It is fast paced, fun and enables the children to learn sounds and letter formation at the same time.

They will then enjoy a whole class session on the carpet, learning new mathematics or language through stories and will also develop their knowledge based on the theme for that week.

They will also practise these new skills either 1:1 or in a small focus group with a teacher. The activities are practical and play based, allowing the children to rehearse by doing and communicating.

They will have 'choosing' time where they have the chance to learn and master various skills through play.

After lunch, themed learning continues as well as learning in RE, PE, Computing and Music. The children take part in a range of exciting activities and tasks to help them gain a better understanding of these subjects.

Most importantly, the children have fun whilst they learn and they have the opportunity to explore the things that interest them.



PHONICS



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RxRMoUSB/bKYsfv2W>

We teach children to read through a programme called Read Write Inc. (RWI).

The children learn sounds and the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters.

Then, they read books written using only the letters they have learnt (and a small number of separately taught 'tricky words'). This gives the children plenty of early success and builds up their reading confidence.



They learn to use these sounds to spell using 'Fred' who only talks and writes in sounds.

How will my child learn to read?

The RWI approach teaches children to read sets of sounds and then blend them to read words.

The sounds your children will learn first are: **m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x**



LEARNING THEMES

Autumn Term

All About Us

Feelings and Emotions
Manners
Making Friends
Self-Care
Personal Safety and Consent
Special Occasions
My Family
Cultures
Animals
Being Safe Around Animals
Days, Months and Seasons
Weather
Colours
Emergency Situations
Jobs

Spring Term

All Around Us

Homes and Houses
Emergency Situations
Time
Transport
Crossing the Road
Safety Out and About
Personal Safety and Consent
Animals
Begin Safe Around Animals
Jobs
Money
My Body and senses
Day and Night
Growing
Plants and Animals
Dental Hygiene
Healthy Eating
Days, Months and Seasons
Weather

Summer Term

All Around Our World

Forces
Planet Earth
Transport
Caring for our Planet
Weather
Changes in State
Daytime and Night
Animals
Animal Conservation
Money
Clothing
Cultures
Days, Months and Seasons
Weather
Prehistoric Animals
Jobs
The Solar System

READING RECORDS

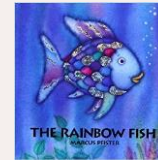


Every week, your child will be bringing home 2 books.

One will be a phonics resource and/or book.



One will be a story book of their choice.



They will have the chance to change their story book as often as they like and their phonics books will be changed once we have assessed that they are able to confidently read all of the words.

We would love for **YOU** to read a book to your child as well as listening to them read so they can hear how stories should be read.



READING RECORDS



At Cowley, we believe that reading is a vital skill for a child's development.

We will be expecting to see these reading records returned back to school **every day** with a comment on how your child has read the book accompanied with signature by a parent.

When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, expand their vocabulary and become more fluent readers. They also have improved attention spans and better concentration.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



- Work in partnership with your class teacher, speaking to us regularly – everyone wants your child to be happy and successful in school.
- Maintain excellent attendance and punctuality- this is vital if children are to succeed.
- Attend all meetings and events.
- Read the 'Cowley News' and check our website regularly for any updates or information.
- Join our Facebook page where updates and news is updated regularly.
- Ensure your contact details are up to date.
- Highlight any concerns to your class teacher or the phase leader.
- Promote independence.
- Support your child in their homework, including reading with your child every day.

RECEPTION 'READINESS'

We want children to be as independent as possible to maximise their learning potential.

During the summer break, you will have the perfect opportunity to help prepare your children for Reception. For e.g.

- Recognising how to read and write their name.
- Getting dressed by themselves.
- Being confident with asking to use the toilet.
- Using the toilet independently.
- Understanding the importance of being hygienic i.e washing their hands, using a tissue for sneezing or blowing their nose.
- Tying their laces. (or Velcro shoes)
- Opening and closing buttons and zips.
- Asking for help when they need.



FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

The UK government has dedicated funding for schools to buy exciting new resources... but we need information from you in order to receive it.

If you are receiving any child tax credits, allowances or additional financial help we would love your support. It is the same process you would go through to apply for Free School Meals.

You can check your eligibility by clicking here:

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>



MEDICAL MATTERS



- The school must be notified of ALL absences via telephone, with an explanation. (either prior to absence or on the day of absence)
- There are 3 dedicated absence reporting numbers which will be sent to you via Parent Mail and are also detailed in your pack.
- Keep the school informed of any up to date allergy information.
- Regularly check all medicines and inhalers are in date.
- Any sickness must be followed by 24 hours absence and diarrhoea by 48 hours absence.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Medicines can only be administered if pre-arranged and approved the school.

COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL

How many times have you found information from school as a crumpled mess at the bottom of your child's bag?

As a school we are very aware of the 'Need to be Green!' A simple way to have a huge impact on the environment is through reducing paper consumption by changing our paper letters into emails and online information. This method will cut out the middleman and enable our school to communicate directly and instantly with you.

How will we receive information?

It's Time To Go Paperless.



Facebook

Join our private group Cowley St Laurence School to find out information, keep in touch and see photos of what's been going on!



Parentmail

All letters and Newsletters will be sent via email. Please see the office to check that your email is correct on the school system.



Website

All information about the school can be found here including Newsletters, policies etc. Updates are added when necessary.



ParentPay

This is our online payment system for all payments eg trips. Please see the office if you need help setting up your account.

Get online to prevent missing out on vital information

PARENT MAIL



- Once your child has started with us you will be invited to join Parent Mail. Please do this immediately as all important information is sent this way.
- If you have any questions please do e-mail us at cowleystl@fraysacademytrust.org

ADMISSIONS BOOKLETS



- Please fill in today and hand back.
- If this is not possible please ensure that it is returned to the office before the end of term.