Nurturing every child on the pathway to success

Nantwich Primary Academy and Nursery

New Starter Presentation

Induction Pack

This will be posted to you and contains:

- A welcome to Reception booklet.
- Before and After School Club information
- Dates for school holidays for next year
- School Uniform Order Sheet

These documents need to be returned to school:

- School Registration Form
- Learning Book Permission Form
- Permissions Sheet

What is the Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) begins at birth, through to attendance in a nursery setting (from aged 3 at Nantwich Primary Academy).

The final year of the Foundation Stage is in a Reception class of a primary school.

What is the Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is split into **seven** areas of learning…

Prime Areas (the basis of all learning)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

What is the Foundation Stage?

And…

Specific Areas (build upon the Prime Areas)

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

School Hours

Reception Children

Monday to Friday 8.40am – 3.15pm

We have our own entrance and exit door off the main playground. There is always a member of staff on the yard in the morning. Gates open at 8.30am. Children must be supervised into school.

Attendance

If your child is ill, please ring the school office as early as possible on the first day they are off school and every morning they continue to be off school. Please try and arrange appointments to either after school or during school holidays.

A typical day in Reception

School day timings may need to be adapted based on Government COVID 19 Guidance.

We will keep you updated. Please also check our website.

Time	
8.40am	Enter school, coats on pegs and into classroom
8.50am	Registration, toast, milk and dinner choices.
9.00am	Whole class Literacy input
9.20am	Reading with teacher led and independent learning time indoors and outdoors
10.15am	Snack
10.30am	Teacher led and independent learning time indoors and outdoors
11.00am	Phonics
11.35am	Lunch (school hall) and playtime (EYFS outdoor area)
1.00pm	Registration
1.05pm	Whole class Mathematics input
1.25pm	Teacher led and independent learning time indoors and outdoors
2.45pm	Tidy up, story and songs
3.15pm	Hometime

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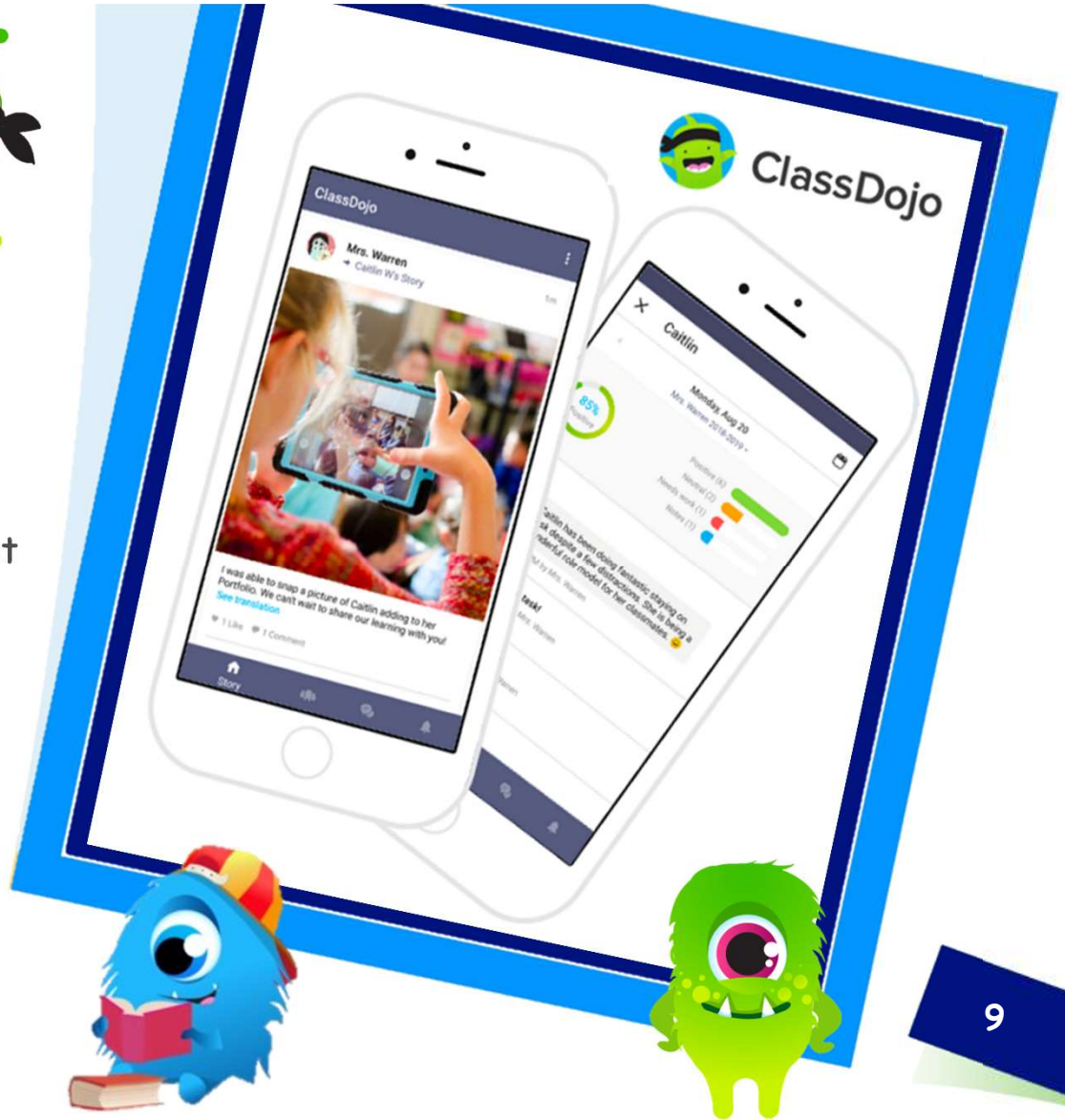
Learning Book

- Each child's development is assessed against their progress through the curriculum towards the final stage – the Early Learning Goals.
- Evidence is collected throughout the year in English and Maths books, but also through an online journal called Learning Book.
- This is a secure website which also has a free app for parents to see their own child's learning during their time in the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- This app has a login in and a password which will be sent to you once we have permissions. It also enables you to upload photographs and comments from home.
- You will also be given an opportunity to have a copy of your child's journal when they reach the end of Reception.

Class Dojo

Our positive behaviour and messaging system

- Class Dojo is our positive behaviour management and messaging system linking school and home.
- Children collect 'Dojo points' for various behaviours and these can be viewed by home too.
- Messages can be sent directly to the teacher.
- You will also receive whole class and whole school messages sometimes.
- 'Class Story' allows you to see what the class has been learning at school, like a weekly newsletter.



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Being School Ready

Can your child…..?

- Cut up their own food using a knife and fork?
- Put on their own coat?
- Be independent going to the toilet and washing their own hands?
- Get dressed and undressed on their own?
- Write their name?

How can I help my child with...

Literacy?

- Read, read, read!
- Discuss the pictures in books to develop vocabulary.
- We teach the skills, it is families that practise them.
- Practise your child's pack of tricky words.
- Practise phonic sounds.
- Encourage mark making, writing name and other words.

How can I help my child with...

Mathematics?

- Regular maths homework activity.
- Recognise numerals to 20 and practise writing them.
- Practise counting at any time, climbing the stairs, shopping, looking at number plates on cars.
- Play simple board games.
- Sing number rhymes and songs together.

Topics for next year!

Marvellous Me!
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, we are going to the Moon
Dinosaur Roar

Uniform

Reception and Nursery School Uniform

Girls:

White polo short
Blue school jumper (with logo)
Black/grey skirt or trousers
Black/grey/white socks or tights
Black school shoes
(School ties are worn by the older children)

Boys:

White polo shirt
Blue school jumper (with logo)
Black or grey trousers
Black / grey socks
Black school shoes
(School ties are worn by the older children)

Blue check summer dresses/shorts can be worn from the May half term holiday.

School Shoes

It is really important that your child wears suitable school shoes.

Your child will play outside daily no matter the weather. Sometimes they will wear wellies but most of the time shoes should be suitable for riding bikes, climbing, swinging and exploring and should not 'catch' on equipment.

Trainers and canvas shoes are not suitable and are not part of our school uniform policy.

We recommend Velcro fastening shoes as they are easy for your child to take on and off.

Please make sure your child can recognise their own shoes, put them on the right feet and take them off independently.

Other Matters

- Please ensure that names are in EVERYTHING including shoes and coats.
- Send named coats in EVERY DAY
- No jewellery or watches should be worn.
- Only soft headbands should be worn.
- School jumpers and cardigans are available from the office.

Other Matters

- EYFS Donation is £1 per week. Please give it to your child to put in the money box in the classroom. Toast, fresh playdough, sensory ingredients and other resources are also paid out of this fund.
- Each child has ½ a slice of toast and a carton of milk each morning as they come into school. Your child is still expected to have breakfast at home, it is just a way of settling your child into the day and filling that 'hungry gap' until mid-morning snack and lunchtime.
- Milk is free until your child turns 5.
- Any money owed to school can be paid online.

We provide…

- Each Reception child receives:

- A school PE t-shirt, shorts and PE bag, this goes up with them to Year 1 too. It is kept and washed in school.
- A named water bottle, this stays in school and is available for your child at all times.
- A Nantwich Primary Academy School book bag which needs to be brought into school every day.

All you need to get...

Each Reception child will need:

- A NAMED pair of VELCRO fastening PE pumps.
- A pair of NAMED welly boots for our outside area.
- A NAMED waterproof coat that your child can do up themselves. Long coats with belts are not safe on our climbing equipment.
- School uniform including a cardigan or jumper from the Office.
- Velcro fastening black school shoes.

Please do not get an additional bag or ruck sack for your child, we do not have room to store them and everything your child needs will be in their school book bag.

School Meals

All Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The menus are rotated on a three-weekly cycle and are cooked in our school by qualified catering staff. All meals are nutritionally balanced and locally sourced where possible.

The menu is available on our school website, but we also develop independence by enabling the children to make choices themselves (with adult support).

Please ensure that any dietary requirements and allergies are written on the School Admissions Form.

Dummies and Bottles

We know that it is hard to stop your child using a bottle or a dummy. However, research has shown that their use past the age of 12 months, changes the way that teeth and the roof of the mouth develop and can delay speech sounds.

It can also prevent your child learning how to chew food properly and safely!

We have regular visits from the 'Dummy Fairy' so if you would like some help with this before your child starts school, please speak to us.

And Finally...

If you would like to come into school to help out, we are always grateful for volunteers!

We know that your child starting school is a big step for families, but if you have any worries or concerns, please telephone the school or email us and we will do our best to help.

Photographs from our Early Years environment

Over, under and through!

We grow strawberries, herbs, flowers and vegetables.

Water discovery and our sensory road.

Creative construction in the gravel pit.

Our covered canopy area,
so we can be outside,
even in the rain.

Lots of different activities here!

A sensory room for stories, relaxation and mindfulness

Video Tour

Please visit:

www.nantwichprimaryacademy.org

and click on the 'Take the Tour' button.

Thank You!

Mrs Hope and the Early Years Team

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child in September.

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