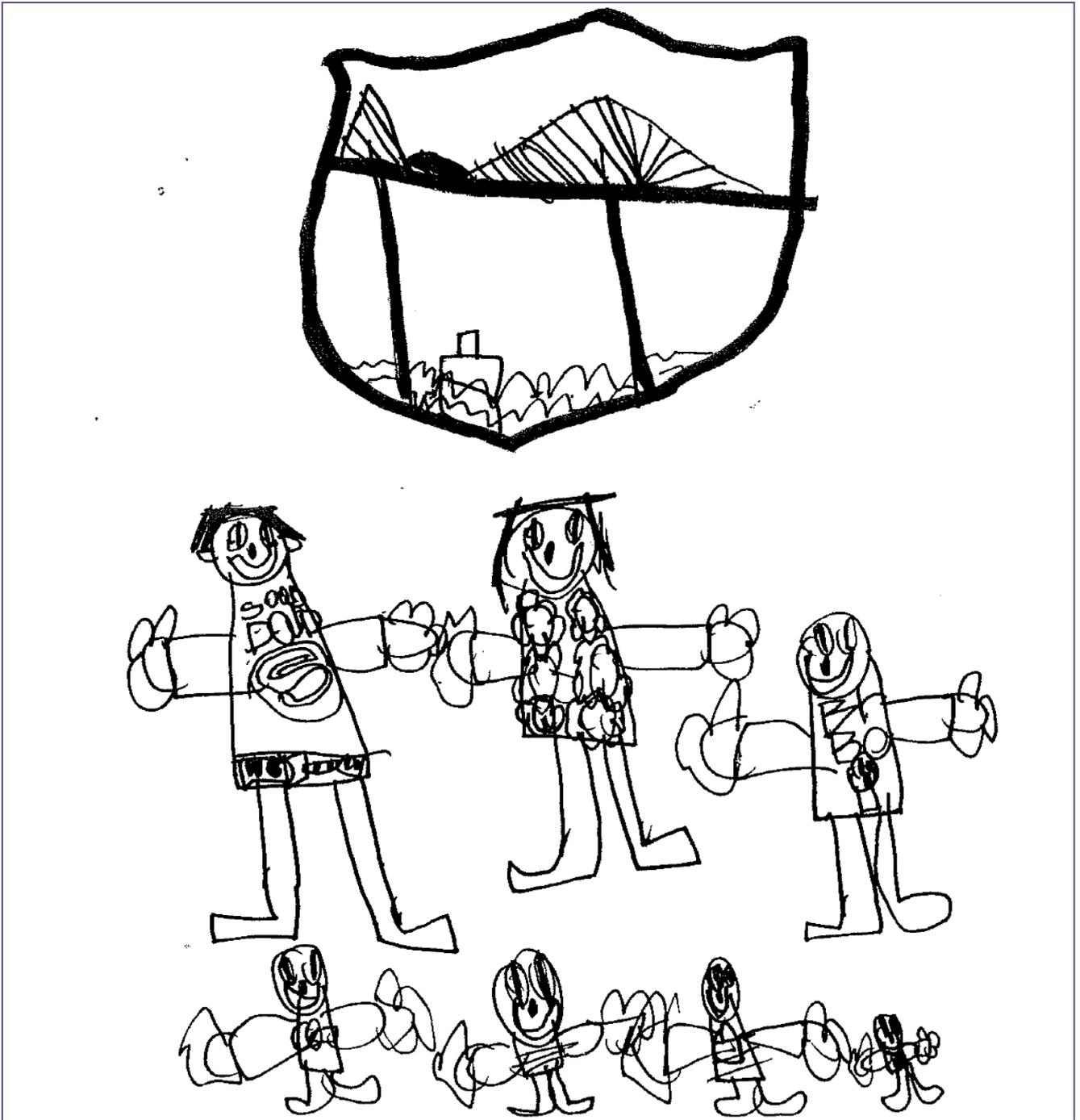


Riverside Community Primary School Nursery



This book belongs to:



**Information for Parents and
Children Joining Early Years**

Welcome to Riverside Community Primary School Nursery

You will soon be joining us in Early Years. We aim to make this move as smooth as possible. It is a very big and important step in your life (and your parents) and we hope this booklet will help to answer any questions you might have.

Some of the people you will see on your first day are:

Miss N Sharp



Early Years Co-ordinator & Foundation Teacher

Miss Sharp is our Early Years Co-ordinator and is always available to discuss any concerns or worries you and your parents may have.

Mr M Brown



Nursery Teacher

Mrs T Webb



HLTA (Early Years)

Miss B Doidge



(EYPS)

Nursery Assistants

Mrs H Hewer



Mrs C Parker

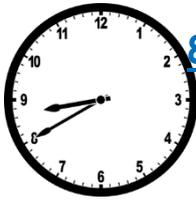


Mrs Z Puleston



What time does the **morning** session start & finish?

The morning session starts at



8.40am.

The morning session finishes at



11.40am.

What time does the **afternoon** session start & finish?

The afternoon session starts at



12.20pm

The afternoon sessions finishes at



3.20pm.

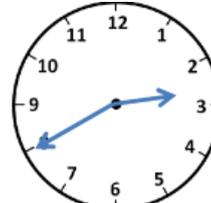
What time does the **full day** session start & finish?

The full day session starts at



8.40am.

The full day session finishes at

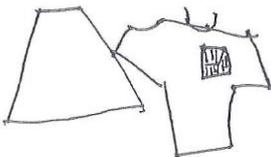
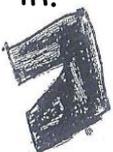


2.40pm.

(You will be collected from the nursery entrance and released from the nursery gate)

What you will need

When you join us in our Early Years unit you will have the opportunity to experience lots of different activities. Some of these will mean getting your hands dirty and so you will need to wear **old and comfortable clothing** to play in.



Please bring spare clothes in a bag to keep on your peg at all times and a pair of named wellies to be kept under the bench!

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE NAMED

If you are staying for a **full day** session you will need to bring in a packed lunch.

Lunch Box Ideas



You need plenty of starchy foods to fill you up and give you energy. Lunches packed with fibre, protein, carbohydrate and vitamins will help your bones to grow and give you a healthy dose of brain power for the afternoon ahead!

Your lunch box should contain:-

Sandwiches & wraps filled with:

Wafer thin cooked meats, ham & cheese, tuna, egg mayo etc.

Five-a-day option:

Satsuma, apple, banana, grapes, pear etc.

Cucumber, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks etc.

Good for growing bones

Fruit yoghurt, cold rice pudding or custard, cubes of cheese, cottage cheese with pineapple.



To promote a healthy diet please do not include any cakes, chocolate or sweets!

**Don't forget to include a drink!
(Water is preferable)**

Healthy Smiles

You will clean your teeth whilst you are in Nursery with a toothbrush supplied by us. This will be held in your very own personalised holder in our Healthy Smiles Bus! This is to encourage good dental hygiene and to make sure that your smile is always **HEALTHY!!**

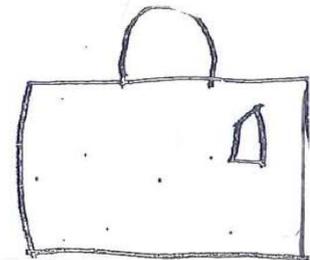


Key Person

You will be assigned a key person within the first few weeks of starting. This person will be your champion and you or your parent/carer can talk to them at any time.

Book Bags

You will be given a book bag which you need to bring with you every Monday. We will give you a different story book every week to be shared and enjoyed at home with your parents/carers.



Homework

Each term we have a challenge grid with a variety of fun activities for you to complete.

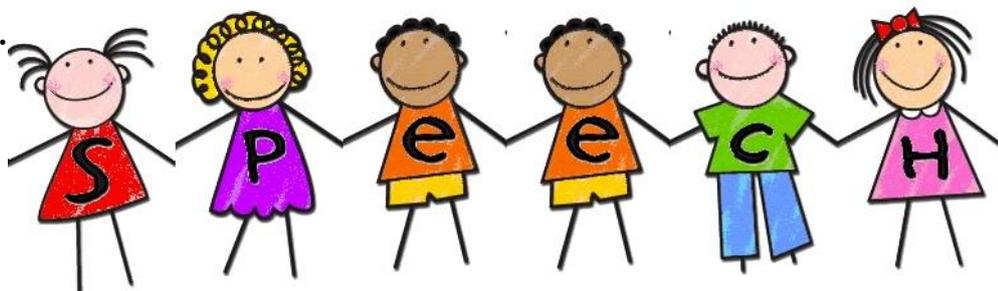
They are linked to the topic you are being taught in class and will allow you to spend special time at home with your mummies and daddies carrying out these exciting tasks.



Speech and Language Therapist (Nursery Natter)

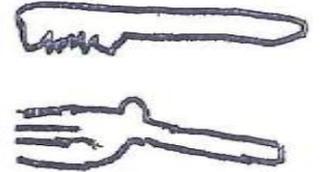
You will be given a 'nursery natter' pack when you join us in early years to help develop your use of speech and language in a fun and stimulating way.

In the first few weeks you will be screened by the speech and language therapist and any concerns or issues will be reported back to your parents.



Snack

Every day you will have snack which includes milk and a variety of fruit. You will also have a 'special snack' which will include a variety of different foods including, cheese, ham, crackers, rice cakes etc. You will also participate in cooking on a regular basis. **This costs £1 a week (to be paid on the first day of the week please).**



Learning Journeys

You will have a 'learning journey' to look at on your computer. This has lots of interesting things in it that you have been doing including photos, pieces of work etc. You can also add in things you do at home or are proud of. When you leave Early Years you will get a copy to take home.



Wow Letters

We have 'wow letters' in each room for your mummies and daddies to write on things you can do at home that they are proud of. We like to see lots of these to help the partnership between school and home.



Our Curriculum

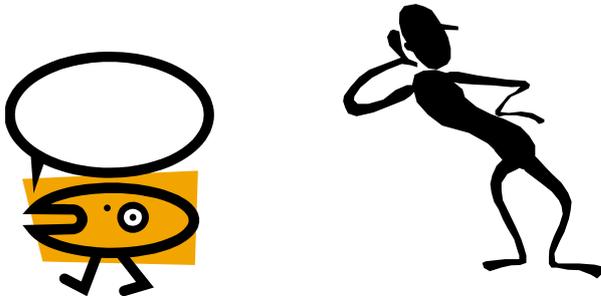
The Early Years Curriculum has **3 prime** 'areas of learning'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This is all about being kind to others and being good in school. You will also learn about other religions and cultures.

Communication and Language

This is all about speaking and listening and learning new and exciting words. You will develop your confidence and skills in sharing your ideas and feelings in a variety of situations.



Physical

This is about using all of your body to develop your co-ordination. Activities for this area include P.E., handwriting, using scissors, threading, lacing and climbing on the climbing frame. Also you will learn about the importance of physical activity and food.

There are also **4 *specific*** 'areas of learning'.

Literacy

This is about using your ears to listen and think about different sounds in the environment and just before you start school you learn all about linking sounds and letters etc.

Mathematics

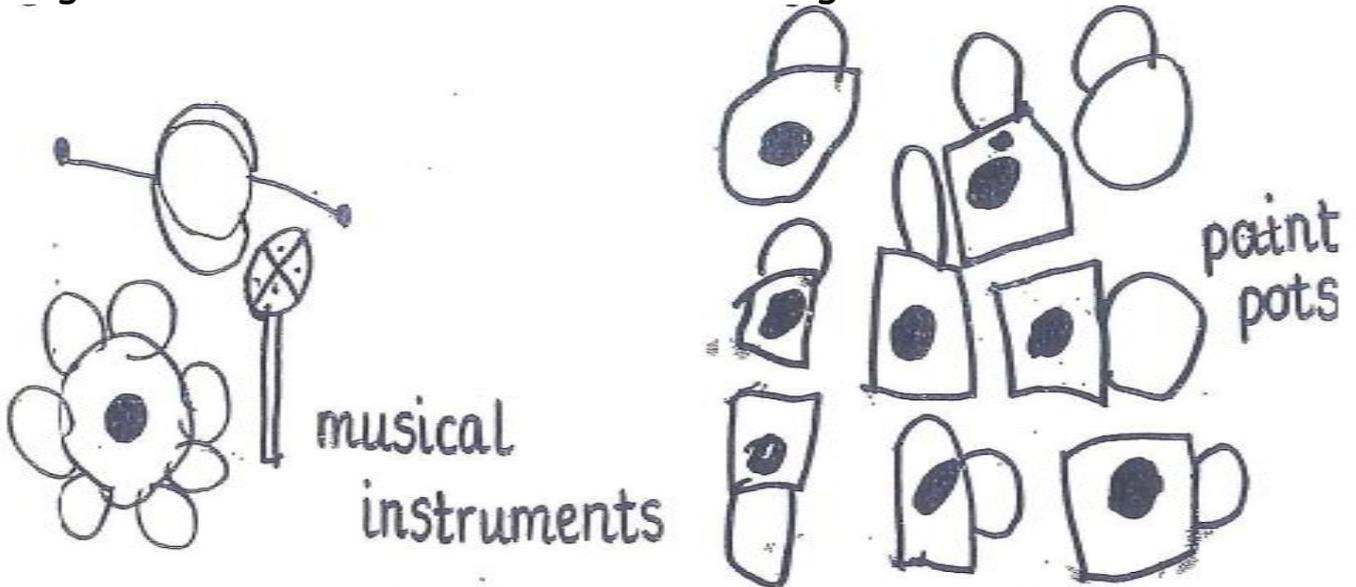
This covers all areas of maths including counting to 10 and beyond, adding, subtracting, learning your colours and shapes, money, measure and time. How many of these can you do?

Understanding the World

This involves all your senses to explore the world around you. Using your hands in the sand, water and on the computer; tasting different food, smelling different smells and looking and listening to find out about our topics.

Expressive Arts and Design

Do you like singing, painting, drawing, playing musical instruments and dancing? This area involves all of these things.



Much of your learning is through planned play activities but we also observe and talk to you in your own free play. In order to make your learning fun, we focus on a different topic each term. A newsletter will go out to let your parents know all about what you will be doing. Your parents are always welcome to come into class to see the work we have on display.

If you think any of your mummies and daddies would like to come in and help get them to speak to your teacher.

Nursery Attendance

If you are poorly your parent/carer needs to let us know by phoning **01752 365297**. It is important that you attend as much as possible to get the most out of your time with us and to prepare you for starting school.