



# WELCOME

**‘All about Reception’**

# Meet the staff

Here are some of the names you may hear your children talking about:

Miss West - Early Years Lead and class teacher in St. Felicity Class

Mrs. Owens - Learning Support Assistant in St. Felicity Class

Miss Field - class teacher in St. Perpetua Class

Miss Jones - Learning Support Assistant in St. Perpetua class

Miss Shaw - Learning Support Assistant (both classes)

# What do we want for your children?



We want children to become confident and independent learners - we support them to do this through a mixture of play and adult led learning.

We want children to make 'good choices' about their behaviour - we support them to do this through embedding our Catholic ethos in all that we do.

We want children to develop their language skills so that they can understand the world around them and communicate effectively - we support them to do this through a story based curriculum and by adults constantly modelling new vocabulary.

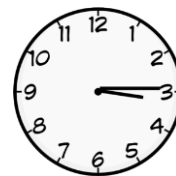
We want children to develop their early learning skills (particularly in Reading, Writing and Mathematics) - we support this through daily adult led learning times.

# Morning Routine



- Gates open at 8.30 - please feel free to come into our Nursery garden and wait if you arrive early. Please encourage your child to stay with you (the nursery toys/climbing frame/etc are not to be used at this time)
- Classroom doors open at 8.40 - please make sure your child has gone into class before you leave.
- The children have been amazing at coming into school! If they are unsettled please let their teacher know and we can support you with this.

# Hometime Routine



- Thank you for your patience!
- Please ensure your pick up forms are up-to-date.
- Please do not call your child to you - they are learning to only get up when called by the teacher.

# Snack time



**Children do not need to bring their own snacks to school.** We provide a healthy snack for all children. We ask for a contribution of £10 per term for snack.

From next half term, we will be operating a 'rolling snack' where children can help themselves at the snack table. We encourage children to be independent - they choose their own snack, butter their own crackers, pour drinks, clear away and even wash up! We are working up to pouring cereal and toasting bread - but not quite there yet!! We also link snack with learning about money and provide coins for children to pay for their snack.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle.



# Lunch time



- Can make children anxious - they don't eat a lot at first but we do encourage them.
- Children play in the 'big playground' –we have sectioned off an area where the Reception children can play safely.
- Please book your lunch online –otherwise they will be given a hot dinner (with no choice of a school packed lunch).
- Packed lunches – do not need too much in them!
- Please remember that we are a healthy school...



# The School Day



- Morning 'get together' - do the register/calendar/topic learning
- Story of the Week
- Learning through play - inside and outside whatever the weather!
- Snack Time -
- More learning through play!
- Phonics
- Lunch
- Maths
- More learning through play!
- Circle Time
- Class worship
- Story
- Hometime!



**We build the day up as the year goes on...**



# Baseline Assessments

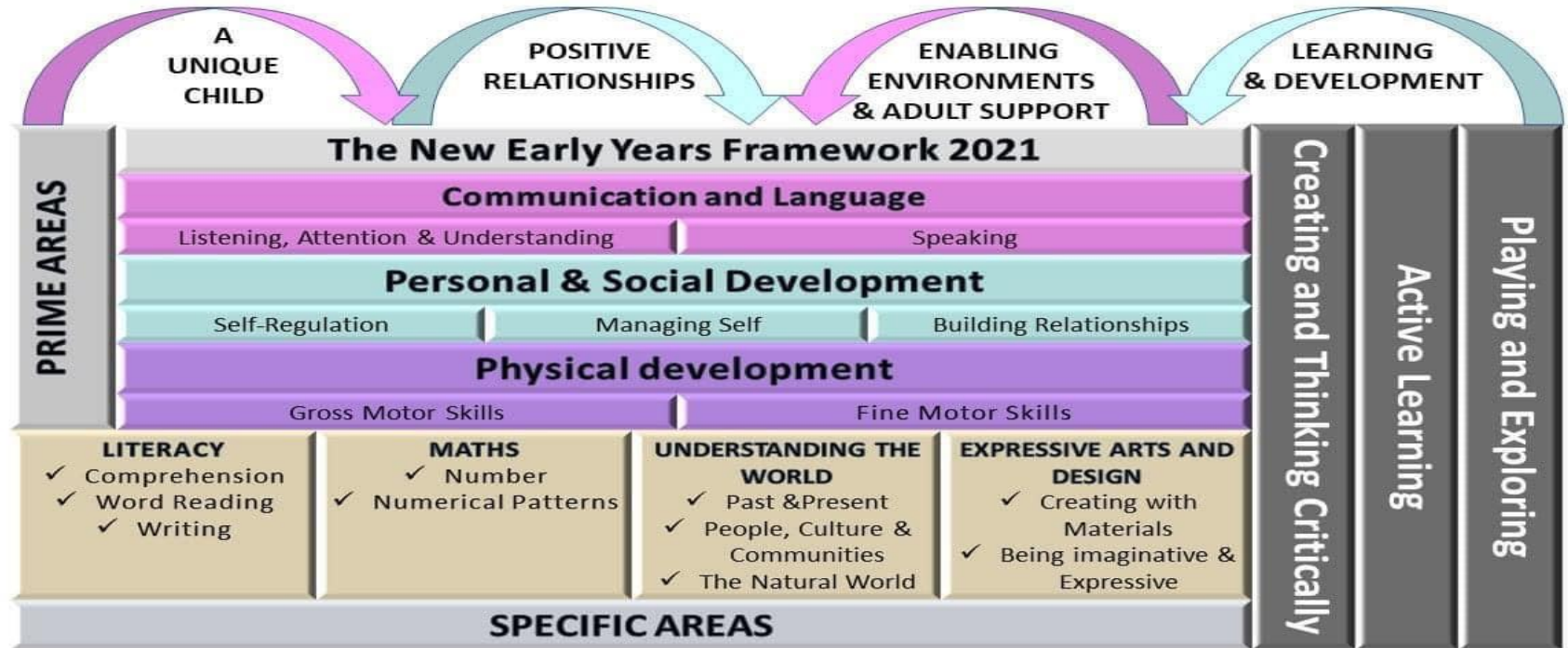


We have carried out baseline assessments on all children over the past few weeks. We will use this information to plan your child's next steps.

Please don't worry about these - if we have any concerns about your child we will **always** come and speak to you.

This year we have also needed to carry out an assessment for the government. You will find information about this [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

# What is your child learning?



# Helping your child at home

The most important thing that you can do is talk to your child about anything and everything and read lots of stories together!

Reading Books - you have already started your reading journey at Sacred Heart. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support with your children's reading so far!

Links books- we will be giving these out after half term to all children. We give out books on Fridays and they come back in to be changed on Wednesdays. We will talk more about these in next week's session.

Talk homework - after half term we will send out a task for you to talk about with your child. This will be based around the learning that is happening at school.

# Tapestry



We will share your child's learning with you by putting photographs and observations on Tapestry.

If you have not completed your permission form please do this ASAP so that all parents can access their child's journal.

The easiest way to access Tapestry is through the free app.

We would love to see your photos of learning at home too!



# Any Questions?



Remember that no question is a silly one! Please come and talk to us if we can help with anything - big or small!