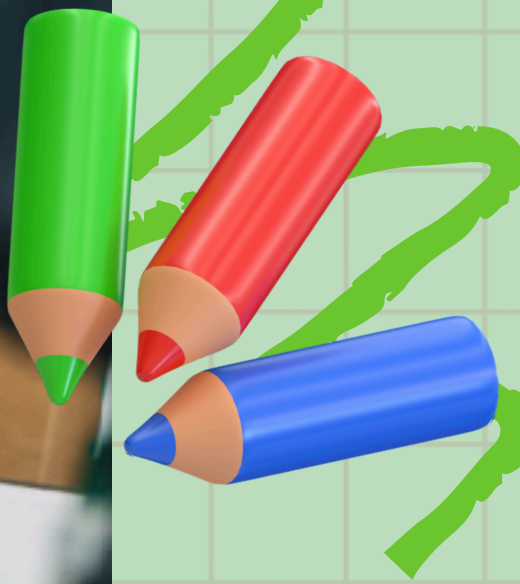
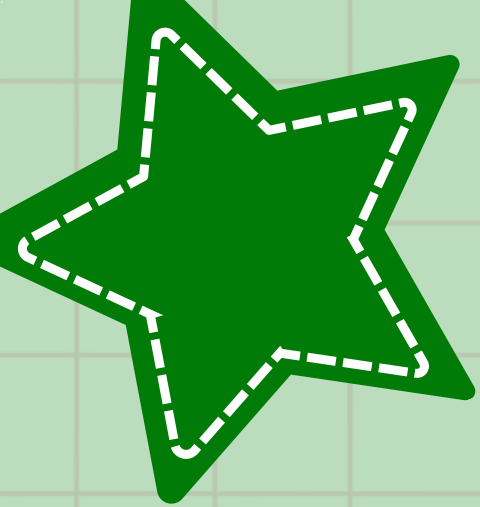
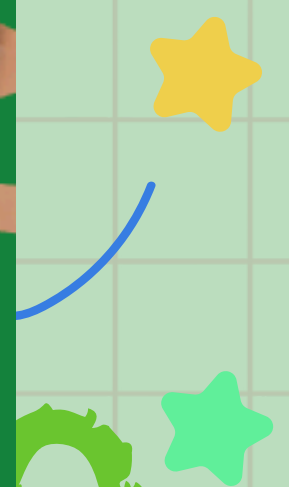




Golden Thread Alliance

Welcome to
Riverview Academy!



Welcome to our school!



We look forward to
welcoming your
children to our EYFS



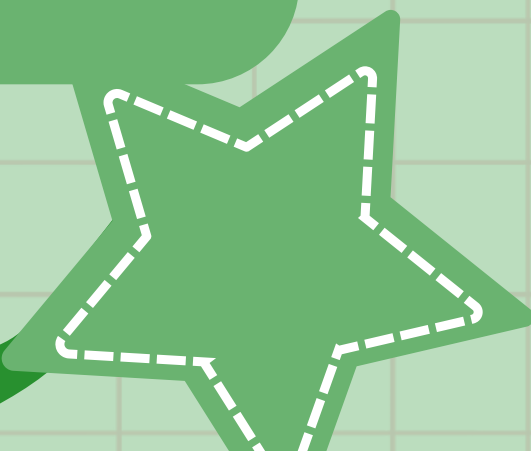
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Headteacher



Ms Felicity
Walsh
Deputy
headteacher
for
Inclusion and
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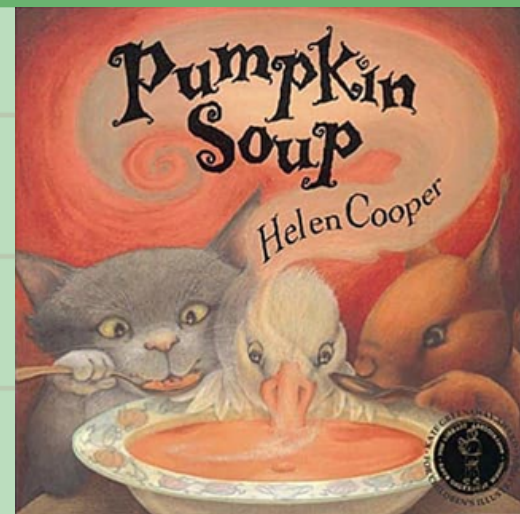
Mrs Baillie
Assistant
Headteacher
and Year leader
for EYFS
Class teacher
for Pumpkin
class



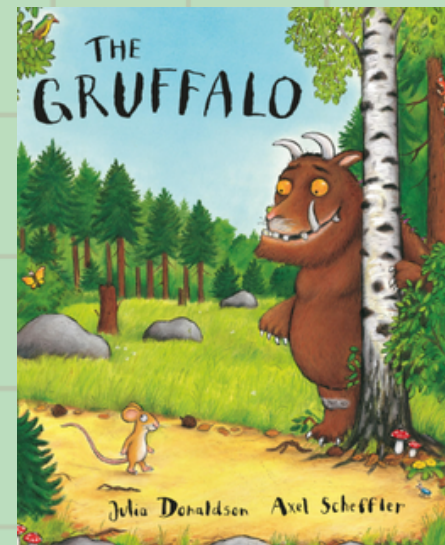
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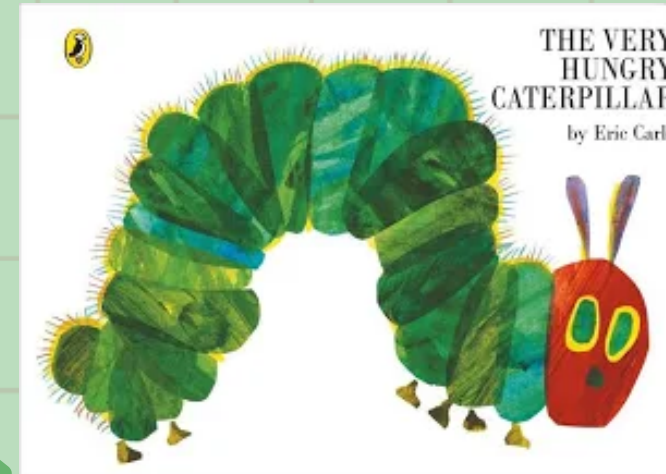
Mrs Kearns and
Mrs Baillie
Class teachers
for Pumpkin Class



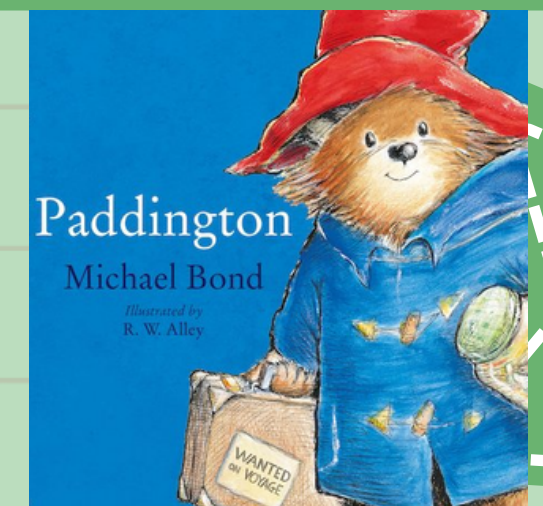
Mrs Lewing
Class teacher
for
Gruffalo Class



Miss Cottam
Class teacher
for
Caterpillar Class



Mrs Fryer
Class teacher
for
Paddington Class



Meet the EYFS Team



Mrs Gill



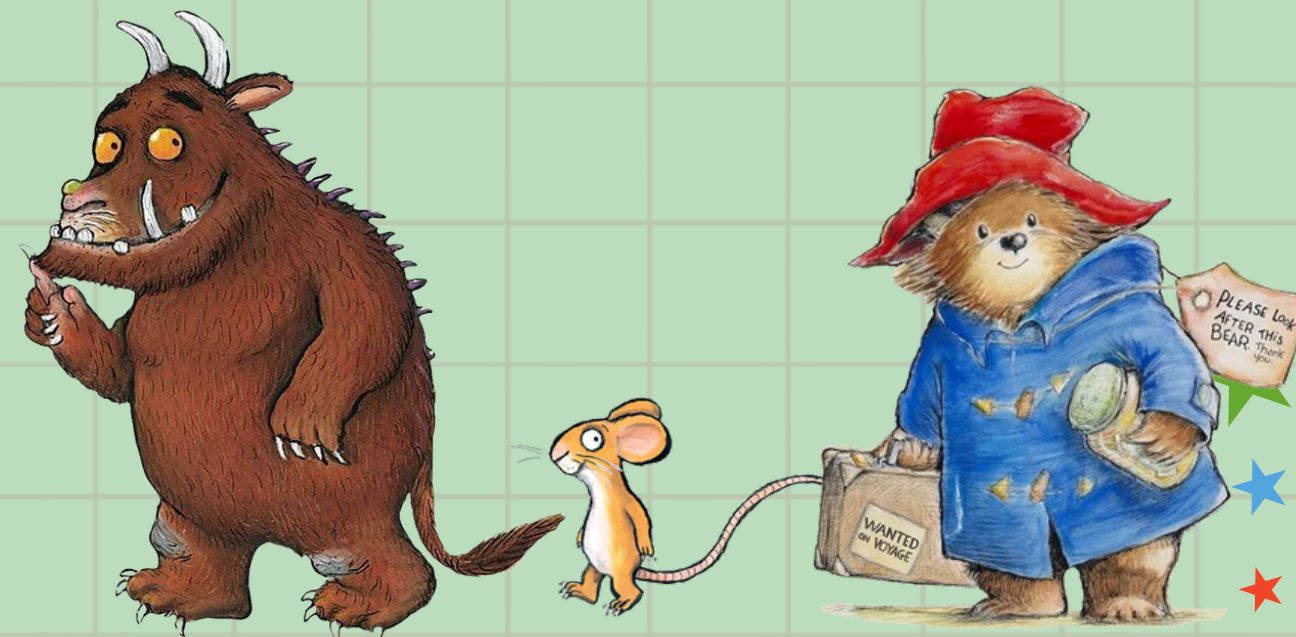
Mrs
Jenkins



Mrs
Batcheldor



Mrs
Outram



Meet the Office Team

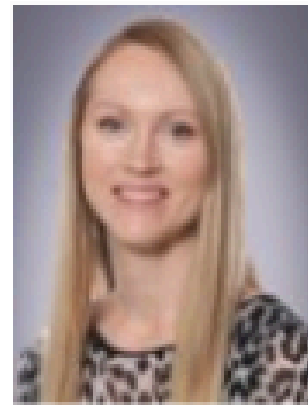
Mrs Hickey
Operations
Manager



Miss Page
Family Liason Officer



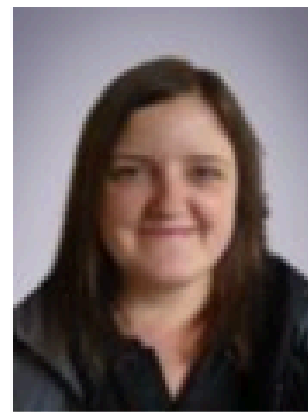
Mrs Solly-Kemp
Attendance Officer
and receptionist



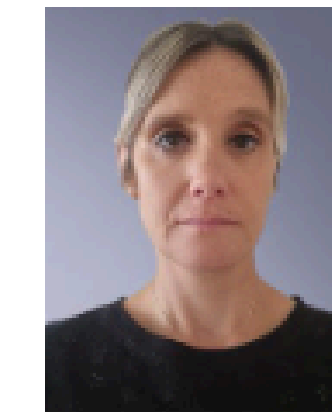
Mrs Bailey
Admissions Officer
and Receptionist



Mrs English
Receptionist and
Admin Assistant



Mrs Wood
Receptionist and
Admin Assistant



Today's Meeting:

- To help your child make the best possible start to school.
- To help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in the reception class.
- To understand how we teach in order to cover the requirements of the curriculum.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.
 - Housekeeping information



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

- Play-based, child-led curriculum tailored to individual interests.
- Organised classrooms designed for exploration.
- Encouraging problem-solving and critical thinking skills through play.



Curriculum Highlights

We follow a play-based curriculum that fosters creativity and curiosity. Each day is filled with opportunities for children to explore maths, science, language, and the arts in a way that feels like play.

Three prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Activities are designed to engage children in hands-on learning experiences, allowing them to discover new concepts through exploration and experimentation.



Curriculum Highlights

Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



The three characteristics of effective learning; how young children learn, are taken into account when we plan and guide children's activities.

1 Playing and exploring

2 Active learning

3 Creating and thinking critically



Creative and Safe Spaces for Imagination

We offer a variety of themed play areas that encourage children to use their imaginations. Whether it's building a fort with blocks, dressing up as their favourite characters, or exploring nature in our outdoor learning spaces, every day is a new adventure.

Small world and imagination



Expressive arts and communication



Outdoor spaces

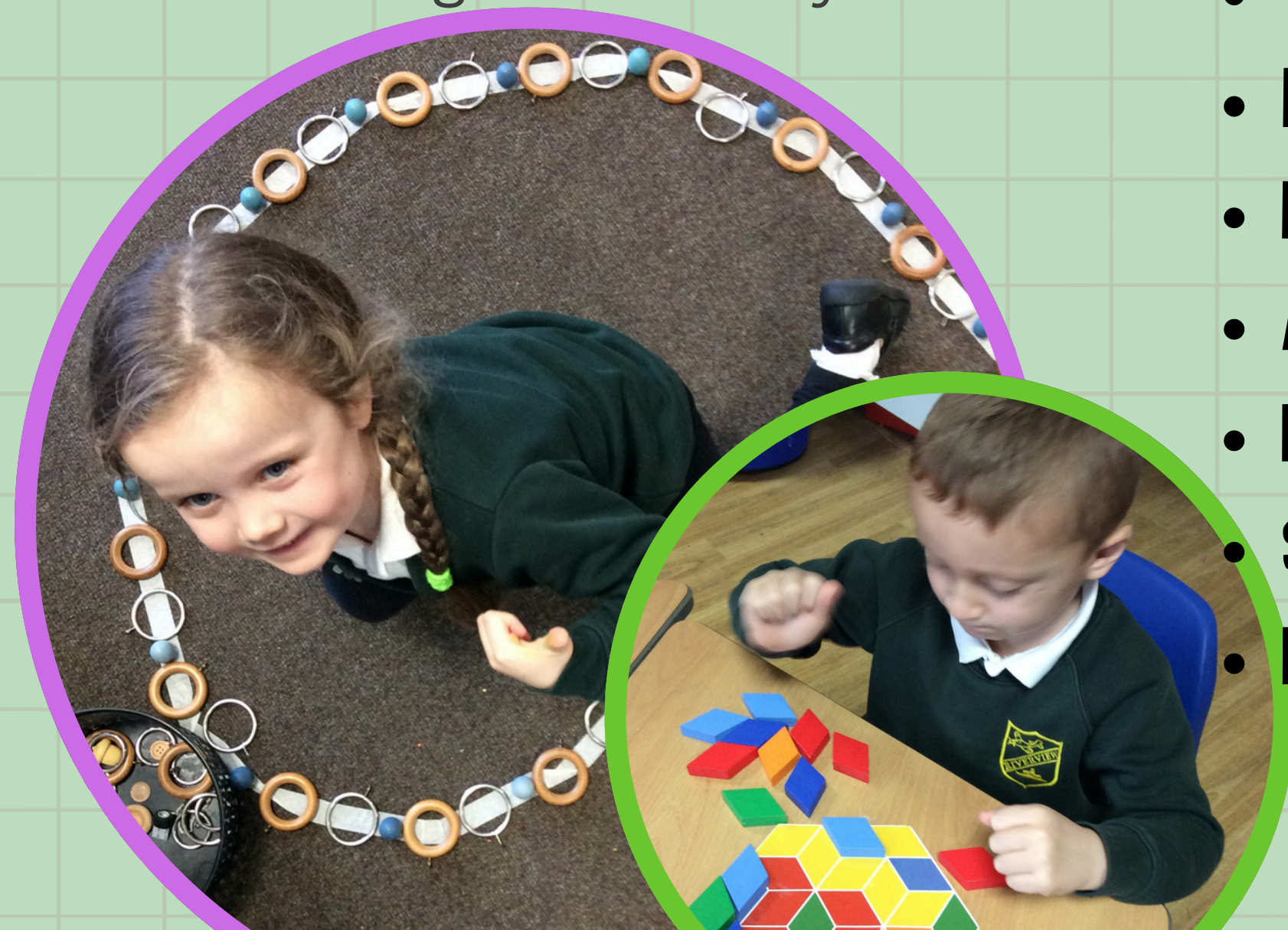


Daily Routine

Our daily routine is structured to provide a blend of academic learning, physical activity, and creative expression, all designed to keep children engaged and excited throughout the day.

A typical day looks like this

- Greet at the door, self register with photo, place water bottle in basket and hang coat up.
- Planned and differentiated group morning activities.
- Read, Write, Inc
- Independent learning with focussed TD activities.
- Whole class maths and follow up activities
- Lunch
- Drawing Club
- Across the environment-play and explore!
- Fruit and snack
- Storytime
- Home

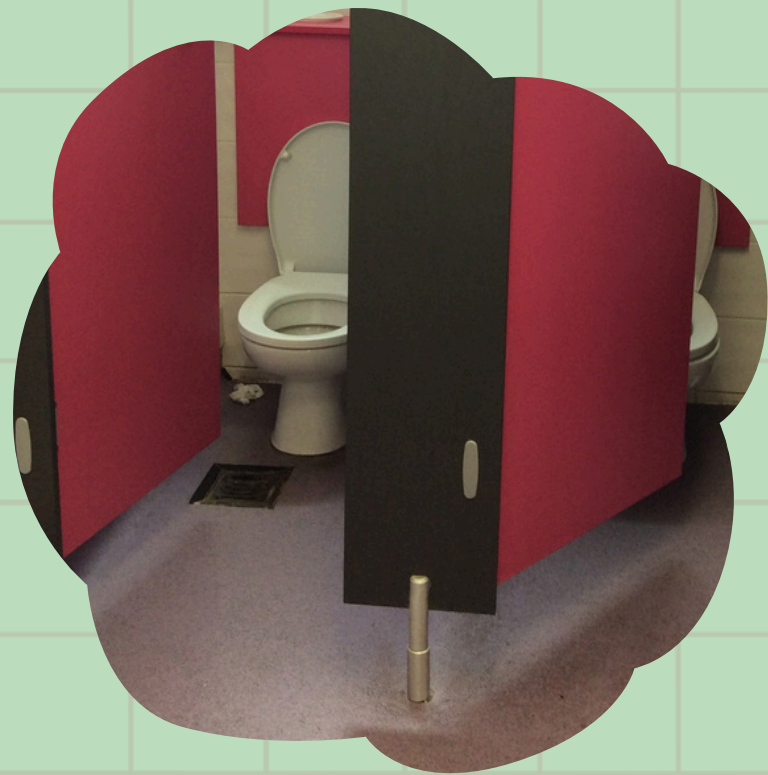


Areas of learning...

Personal, Social and Emotional

Within this area we explore:

- Self-regulation
- Managing self
- Building relationships



Coming to school is a huge culture change for your child, different to a pre-school setting. We endeavour to ensure that our children feel happy and safe when they are with us with plenty of opportunities to develop relationships with their peers.

Areas of learning...

Communication and Language

Within this area we develop skills related to:

Listening and attention

Understanding

Speaking



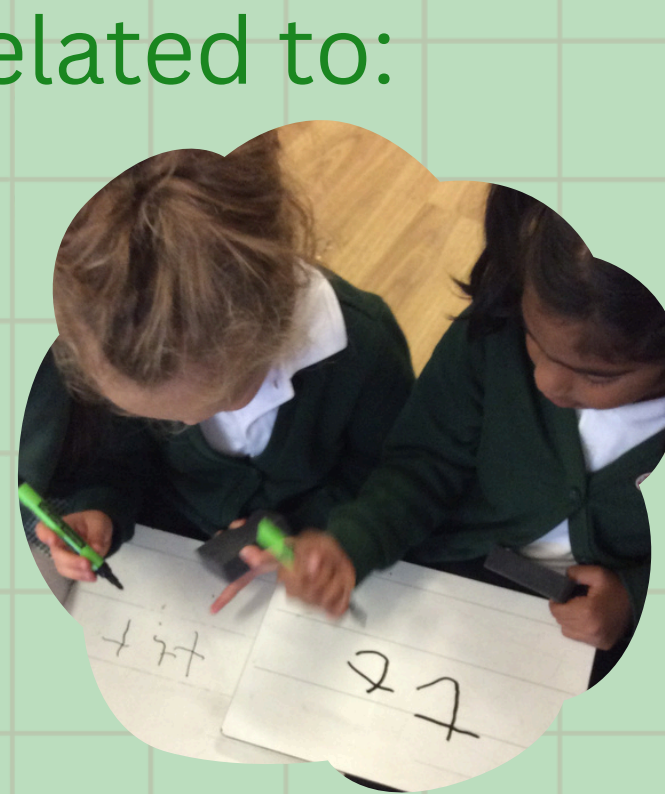
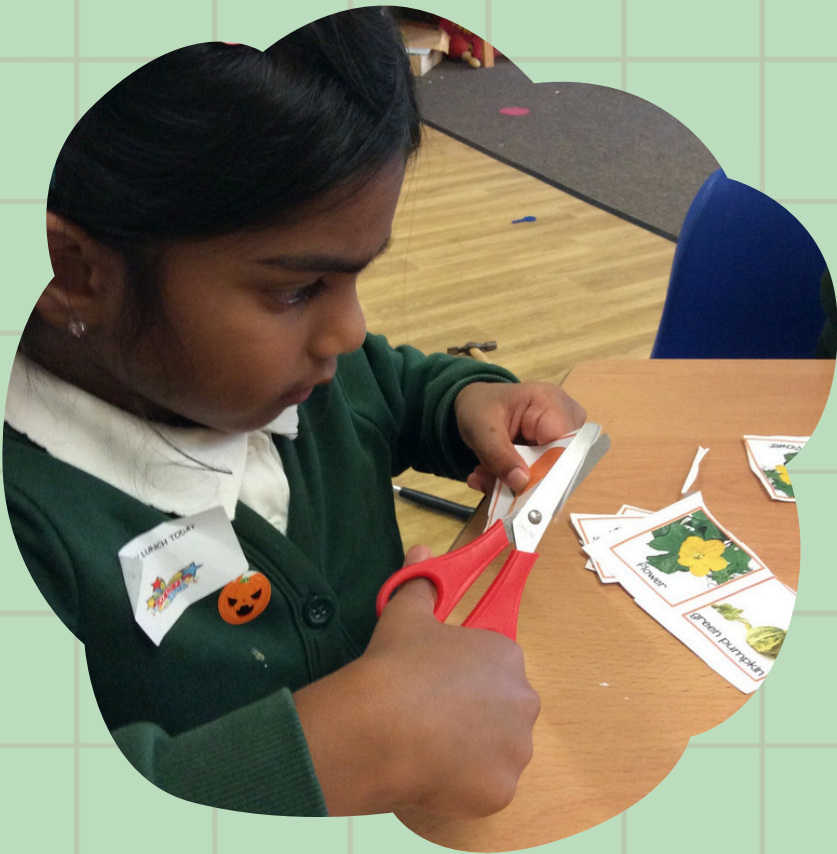
These skills are vital in order to support children's learning. For those children who have diagnosed speech and language difficulties we have our own part-time speech therapist who oversees the implementation of speech programmes.

Areas of learning...

Physical Development

Within this area we cover skills related to:

- Gross Motor skills
- Fine motor skills



It is really important that small children are active as this is the way they learn best.

We encourage children to engage in independent physical activities such as riding on the bikes and scooters as well as teaching them PE skills in Dance and Games.

Areas of learning... **Outdoor Learning**

- Each term the children will enjoy a day at Forest School, located within easy access, on our Junior school grounds.
- We have a fantastic outdoor learning space, a specific environment for the different areas of development and we ensure that children get outside as much as possible during the school day.
- We link the learning themes from inside and extend them outside, but also encourage the children to be physical and active.
- We ask that children bring suitable footwear and warm coats for the wetter weather.



Areas of learning...

Literacy



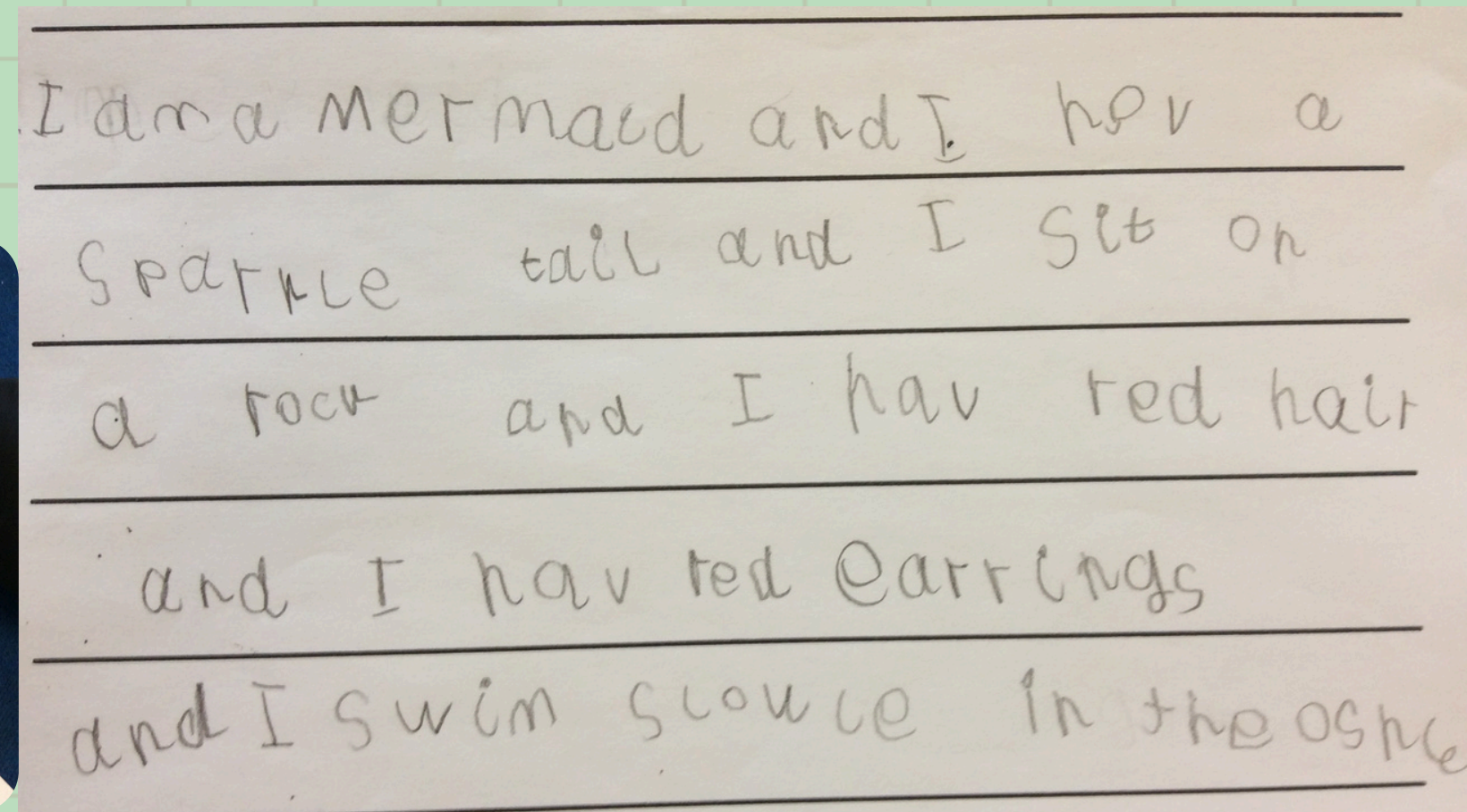
Within this area we look at developing children's basic Literacy skills of Reading and Writing.

We use the 'Read, Write, Inc' programme to develop children's phonic knowledge and reading skills.

Our Reading books have been updated to include phonics based material to support this.

All classes have independent writing areas to encourage mark making, as well as access to mark making materials in all areas of the environment.

We place a lot of emphasis on the teaching of basic skills, which tends to be done through small group focused teaching.

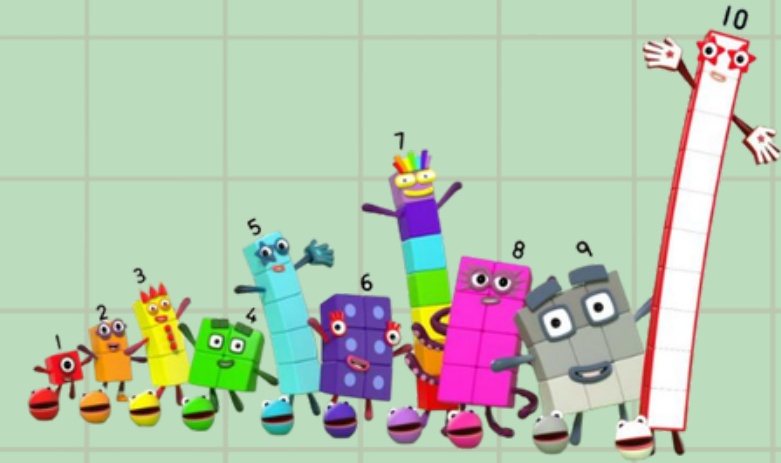


Areas of learning...

Maths



Within this area we develop skills related to:

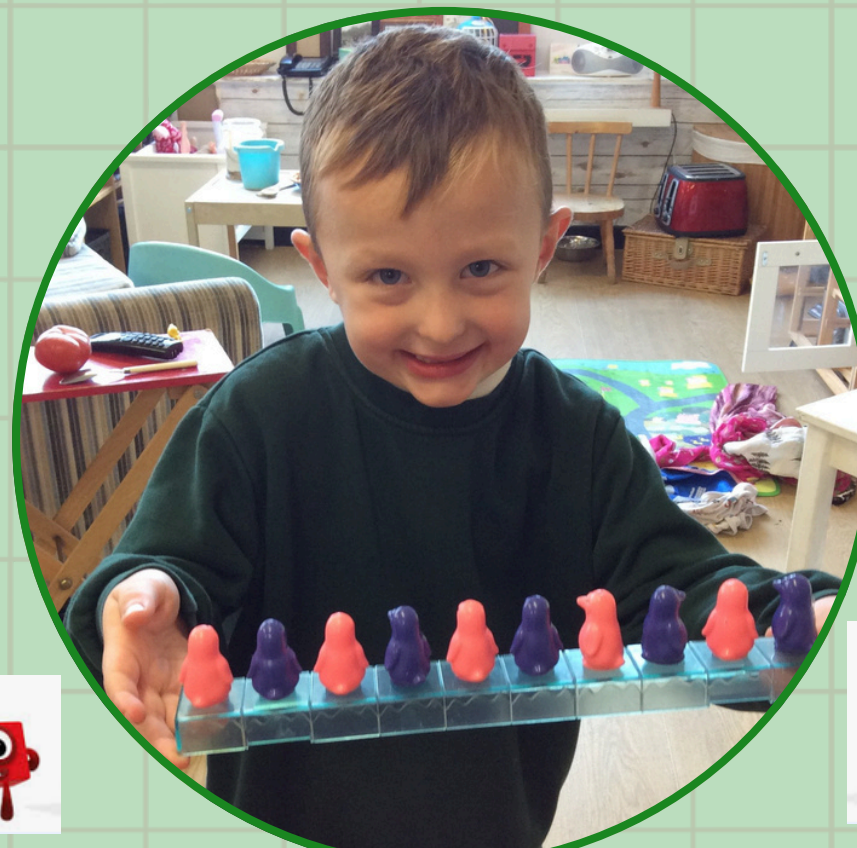
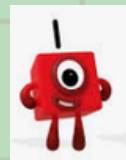


- Number

- Numerical patterns (Including shape, space and measures)

We place a lot of emphasis on children's problem solving skills.

Maths is taught using The White Rose Maths Scheme and Numberblocks, through daily whole class input and then differentiated small focused groups using a lot of practical resources.



Areas of learning...

Within this area we look at:

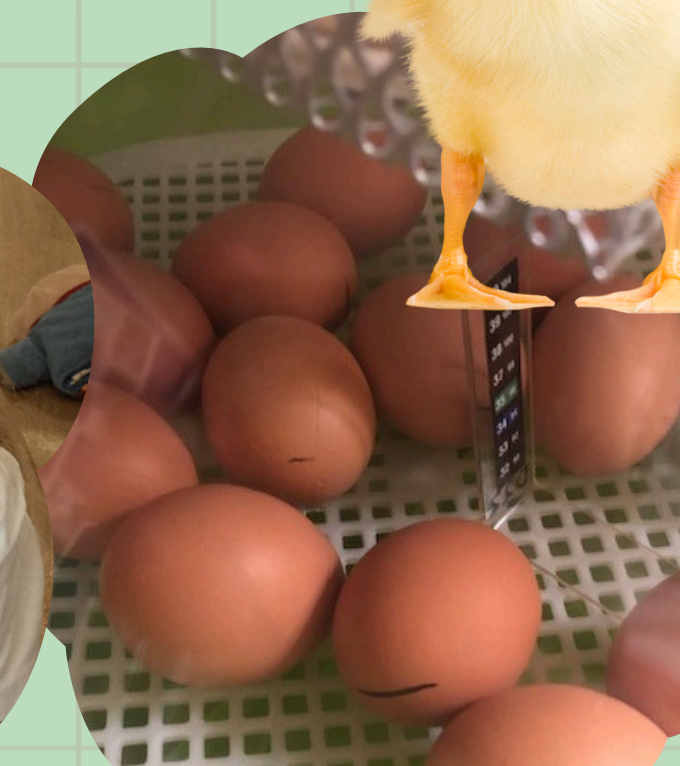
Past and Present

People, Culture and Communities

The Natural World

All our teaching is done through topics designed to motivate and inspire learning. These topics are based around the children's specific interests and a selection of rich, age appropriate texts. We start from what the children already know and what they would like to find out and we plan activities to develop the skills and knowledge they need.

Knowledge of the World



Areas of learning... **Expressive Arts and Design**

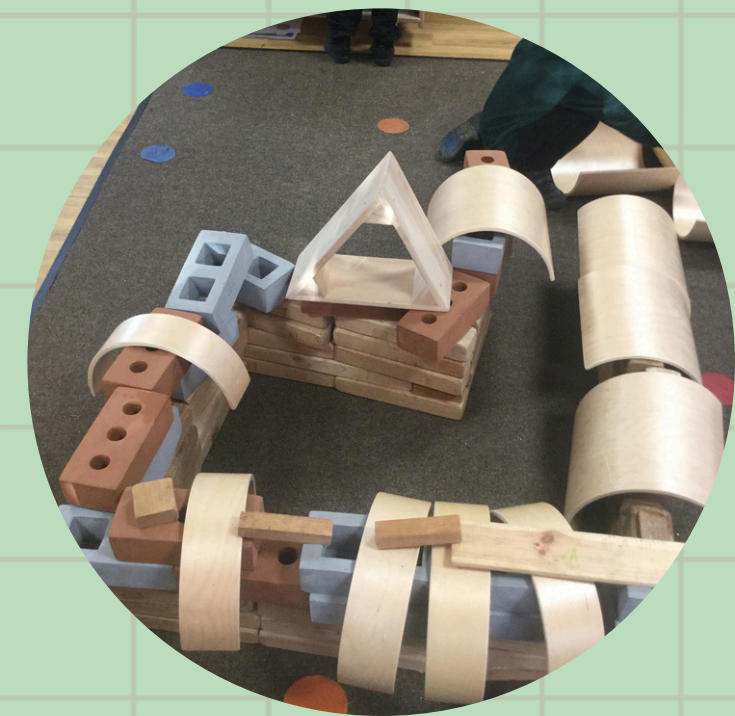
Within this area we develop skills related to:

- Creating with materials
- Being imaginative and expressive

Children are encouraged to create 'works of Art' which they will bring home to share with you.

We also encourage children to use our themed "Home" room to develop their imagination through role play.

We provide painting aprons – and dressing up clothes.



Nursery rhymes

Pumpkins



Sparkle and Shine!

Themes

Bugs and
Beanstalks

Fantasy

Bears



Oh I do like to
be beside the
seaside!

A little bit more...

In addition to our core curriculum, we offer a range of special opportunities that give children a chance to explore our wider community and have different experiences to those they may be used to.

These enrichment programs are designed to spark children's imagination and encourage them to try new activities outside their usual routine.



Pumpkin Farm Trip



Visit to the Library



Seasonal Events



Themed Days



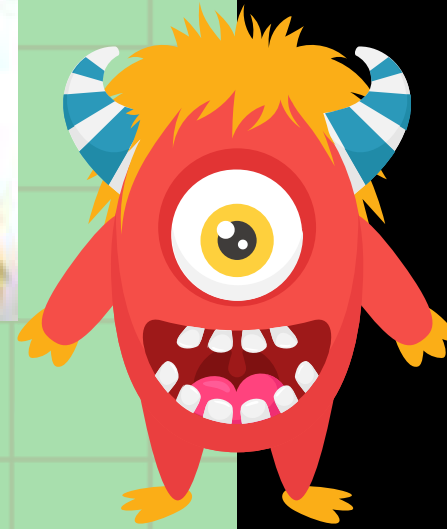
Parent Involvement

At Riverview, we value the involvement of parents in their child's early learning experience. We maintain open communication through regular updates, newsletters, Class Dojo and progress reports to ensure families stay connected to their child's journey.



We encourage parents to participate in special events, parent-teacher consultations, and volunteer opportunities to further support the development of their children.





We use Class Dojo to communicate with all our families in the EYFS. On Friday you will receive an email inviting you to join your child's class Dojo. It is a free app and we use it to share our learning with you weekly.

Wishing you all a very happy bank holiday weekend!
The children have had a great experience watching the ducks hatch and then holding them and finding out how they grow. Next week we will watch them swim using their big webbed feet, which the children find hilarious!

Medical Matters...

Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hours absence.

Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why.

Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.

Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement



Universal Free School Meals

Currently ALL children in Infant Schools are eligible to receive a daily hot free dinner. An information sheet is in your pack.

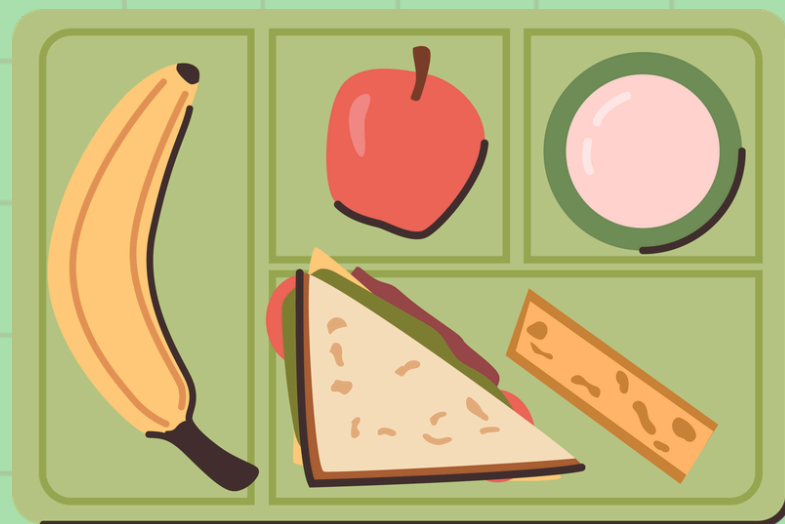
Our caterers at The Golden Trust are committed to providing a range of appetising options for your children to enjoy.



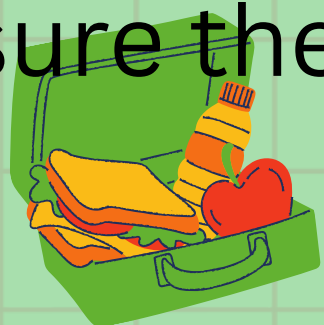
Read the form even if you are intending for your child to have packed lunch.

We appreciate the form may seem a little intrusive; however the information provided by you can help us to access very valuable additional funding for our school to support learning.

Lunchtime



We provide a free hot meal each day. Please sign up to **Relish** and choose your child's meal with them for the week to ensure they know what they are having.



Packed lunch

NO NUTS



or products containing nuts to be brought into school.

No peanut butter, cereal bars with peanuts, chocolate with peanuts etc, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars.

Dinner Den



**At Riverview,
we wear**

**Jogging bottoms
or leggings,**

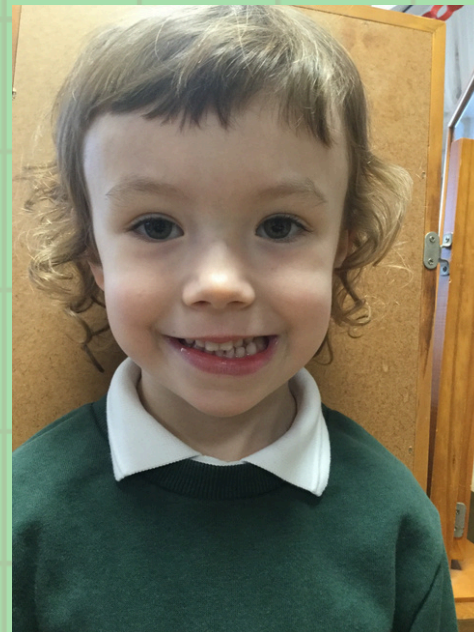
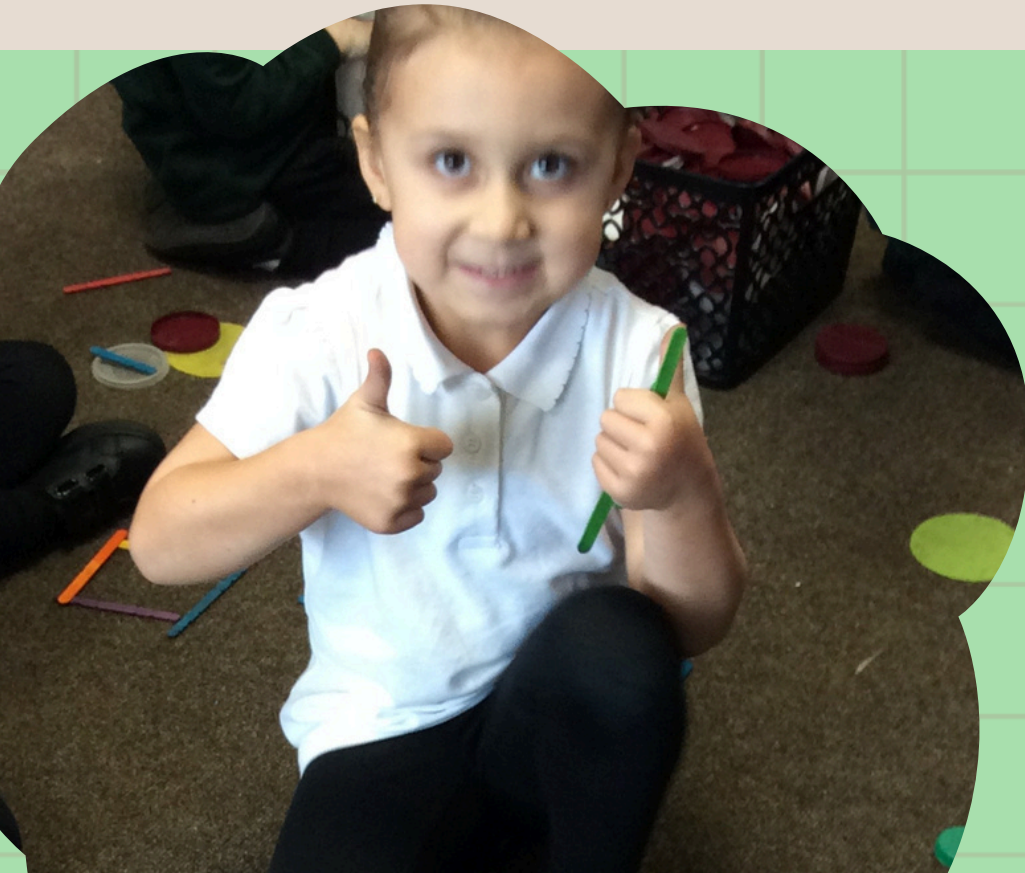
A white polo shirt,

**A green jumper or
cardigan,**

Black velcro trainers.



monkhouse®
schoolwear specialists



**In the summer
we can wear,**

**A green gingham
dress,**

**Black jersey shorts
or short leggings.**

*Ask your parent or
guardian to read the parent
guide for more details.*





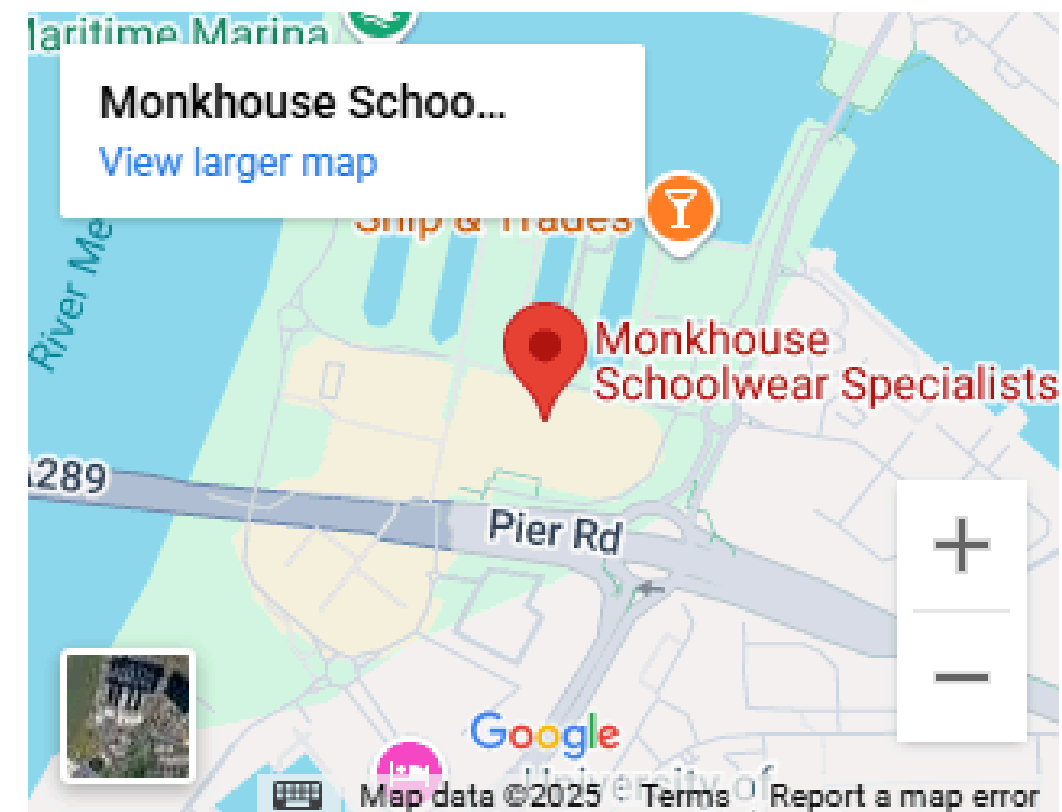
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Opening hours

Monday

9AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday

9AM - 4:30PM

Thursday

9AM - 4:30PM

Friday

9AM - 4:30PM

Saturday

9AM - 4:30PM

Sunday

Closed



Please note, purchasing of school logo uniform is optional, as from September we will become Riverview Academy and our uniform for the whole school is subject to change.

The first couple of weeks

As part of effective transition into Reception, we are implementing a staggered start for the first 2 weeks.

Home Visits:

Wednesday 2nd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th September

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September

Half Day sessions

For these days the children will attend for a half day session only. Your child will be given either a morning or an afternoon session to allow us the time to settle them, in smaller groups and to complete the baseline assessments.

Friday 11th September

All children in for the morning session at 8:45am and will stay for lunch. Please pick up your child at 1pm.

Week commencing Monday 14th September:

All children begin school full time. School starts at 8:45 am and finishes at 3.15pm.

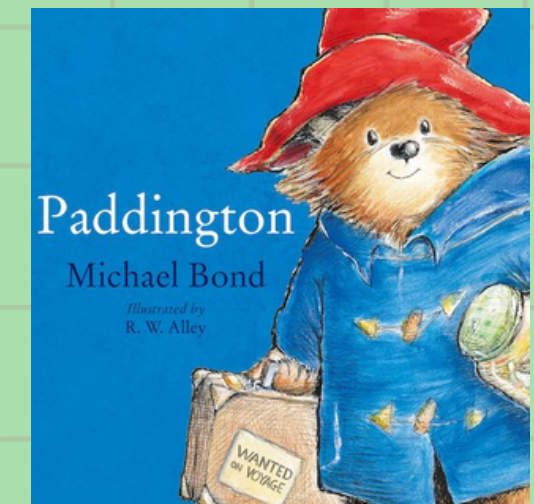
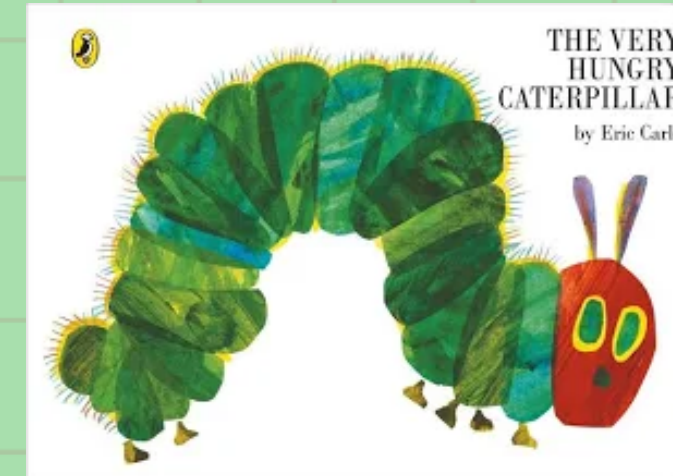
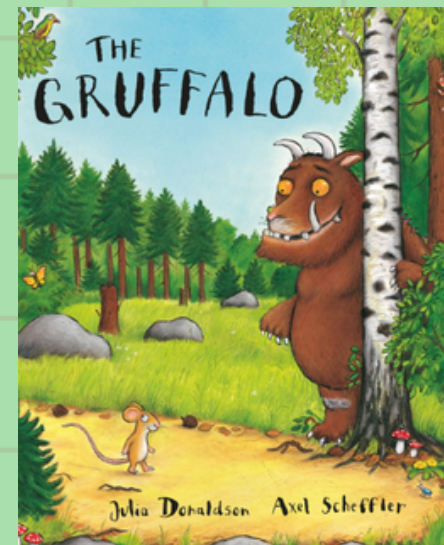
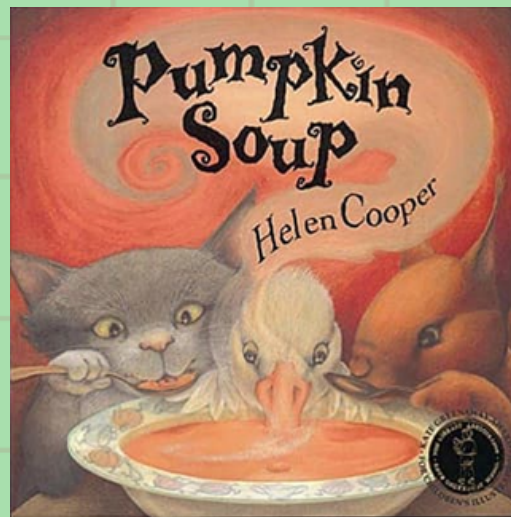
Parent and Carer workshops:

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September 2-3pm

Phonics & Read, Write Inc

Maths and Early Number Sense.

Thank you for your time.



Please take some time to introduce yourself to the teacher and collect your information sheet with times and dates. We look forward to welcoming you to Riverview Academy.