Welcome!

to Grimsargh St Michael's CofE
Primary School new starter evening....

Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community.

Our Senior Leadership and EYFS team...



Mr Booth
Headteacher and DSL



Miss Smith
Deputy Headteacher and SENCO



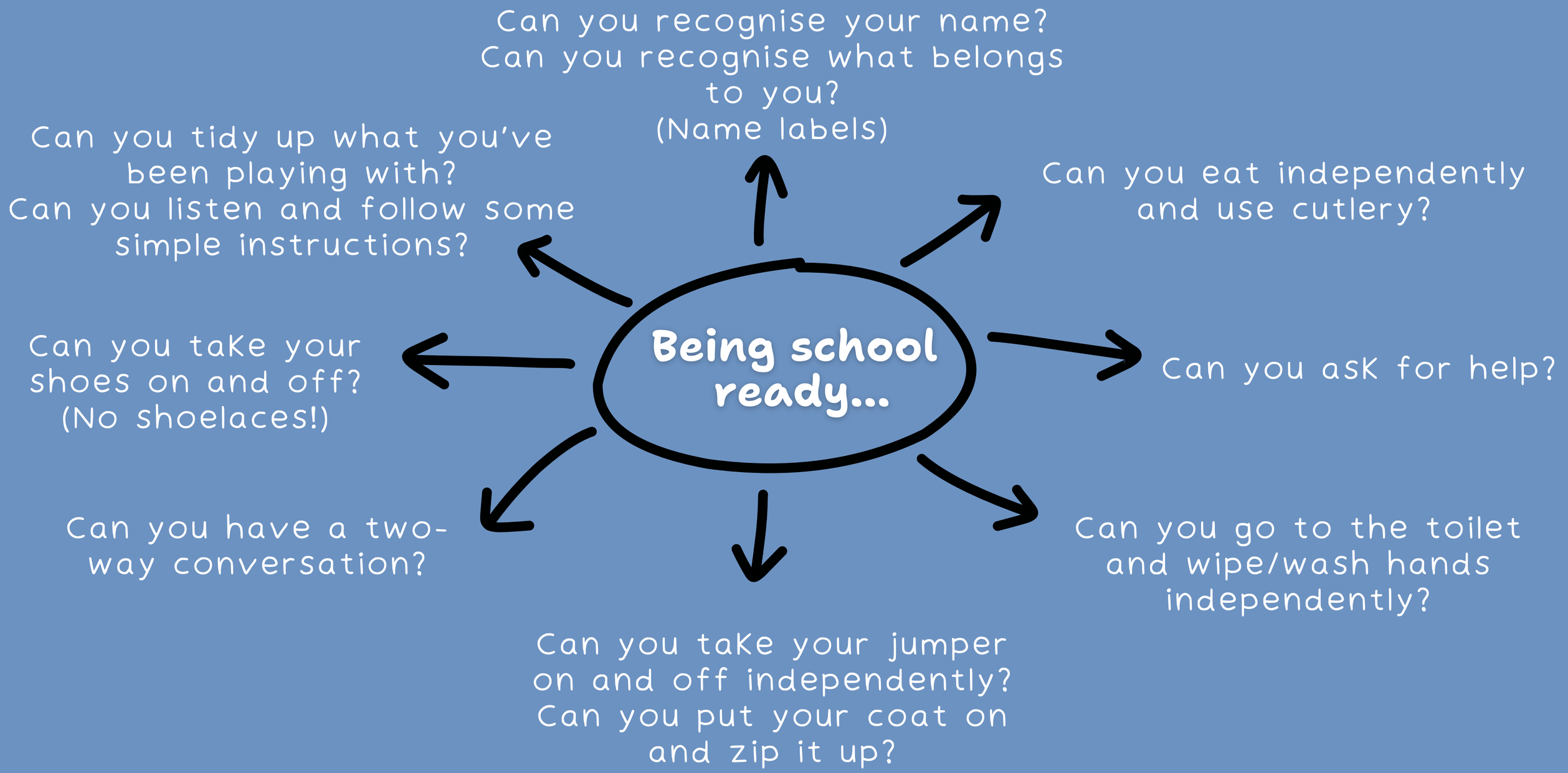
Mrs Coupe
Reception Class Teacher
EYFS/KS1 Leader



Miss Begbie
Reception Class Teaching Assistant



Miss Reeve
Reception Class PPA Cover

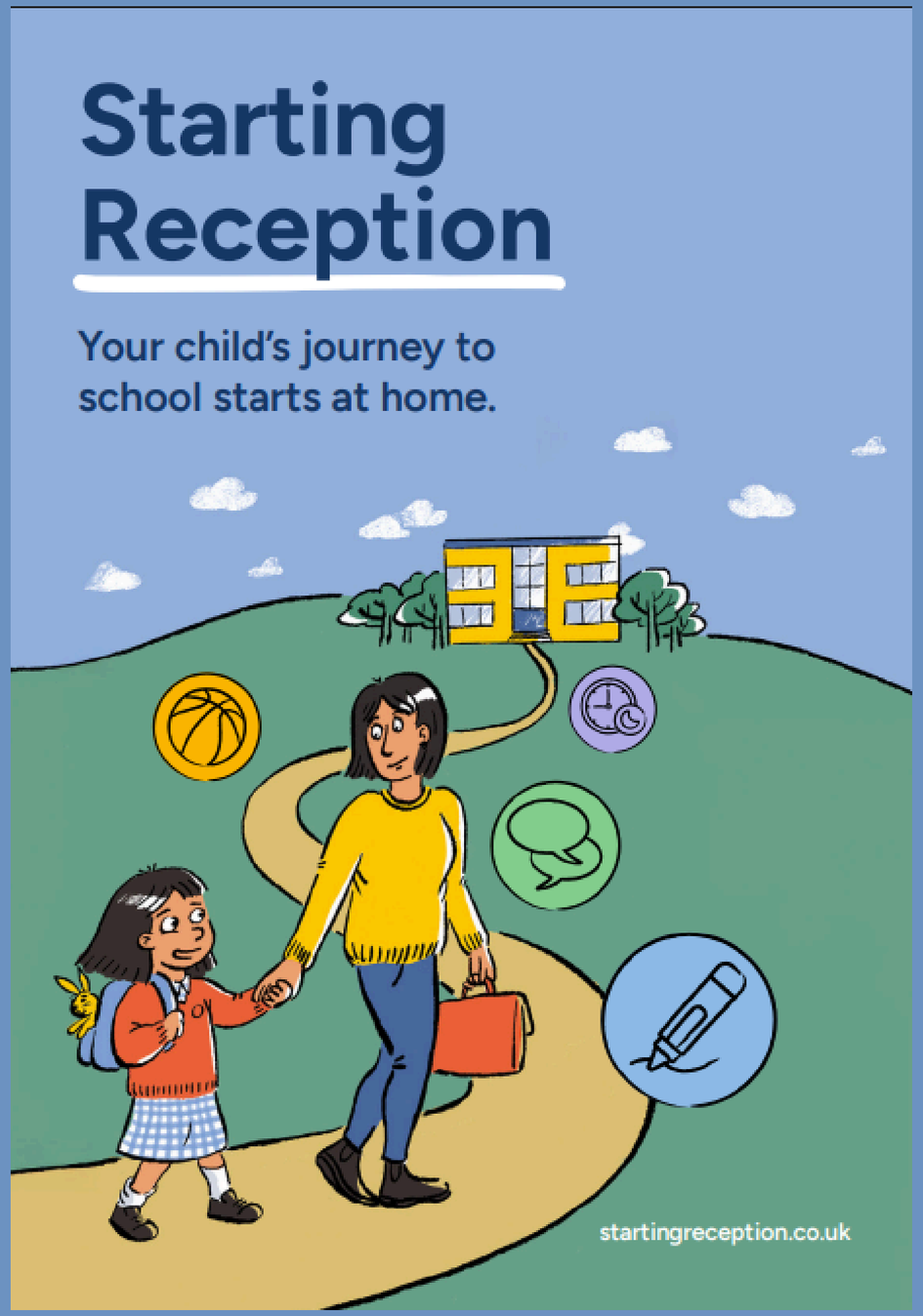

Can you recognise your name?
Can you recognise what belongs to you?
(Name labels)
Can you tidy up what you've been playing with?
Can you listen and follow some simple instructions?
Can you eat independently and use cutlery?
Being school ready...
Can you take your shoes on and off?
(No shoelaces!)
Can you ask for help?
Can you have a two-way conversation?
Can you go to the toilet and wipe/wash hands independently?
Can you take your jumper on and off independently?
Can you put your coat on and zip it up?



The UK Government have a website with lots of information for parents of Reception starters, including advice for SEND parents.

MCGrammar has a child-friendly rap song you can watch with your children to help them prepare!





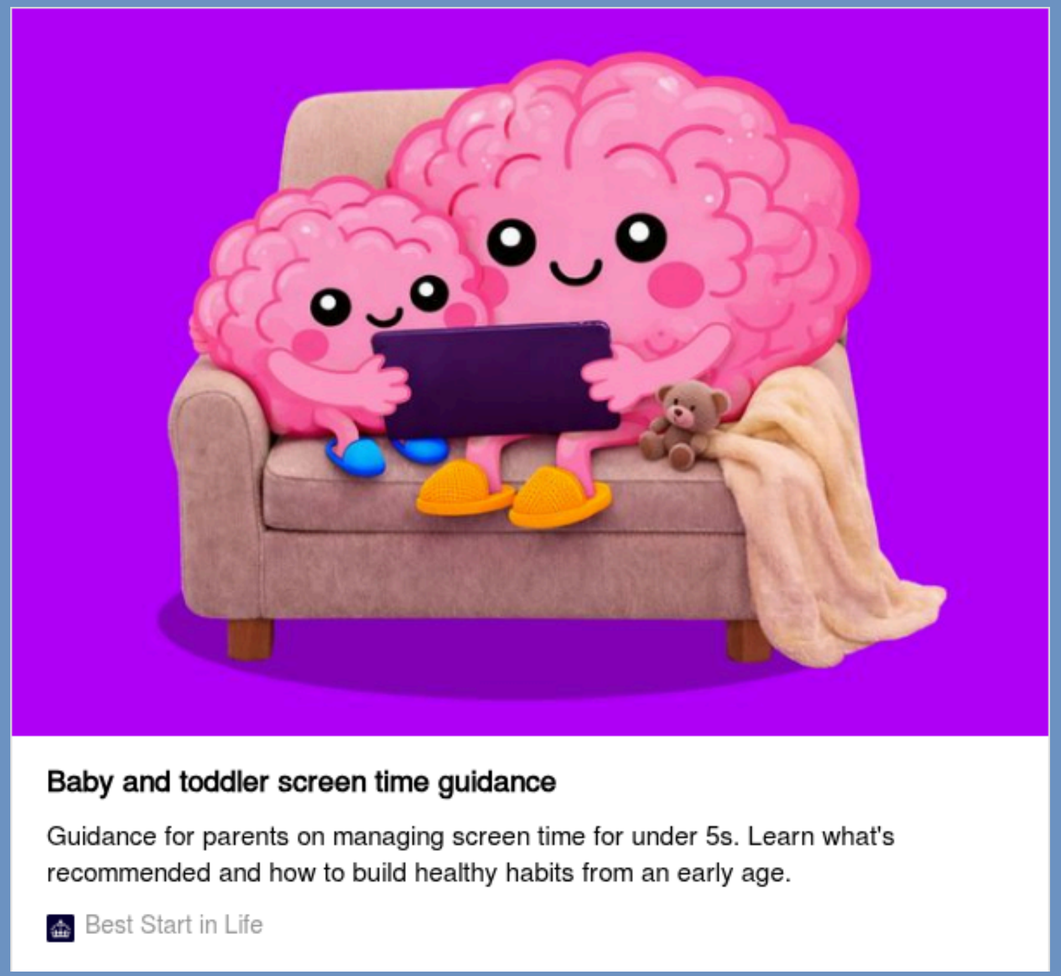
This document is in your induction pack.

Myself, Miss Begbie and the wider school team are there to help.



We encourage independence in our Reception classroom and always ask the children to have a go!

Screen time and Reception children...



The best start in life website has information about safe screen time for children under the age of 5.

Lots of new evidence based research to support us as parents.




How Every Child Can Thrive by Five | Molly Wright | TED
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Watch on YouTube

Key information

Please label EVERYTHING!!

These stick on personalised name labels are easy and durable...
www.petit-fernand.co.uk





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Mary Frances

Uniform, Workwear & Clothing

We have Mary Frances here tonight and a school uniform price list is available this evening.

Our wonderful PTFA also run a pre-loved uniform shopping system where you can buy used, good condition uniform for a cheaper cost. This is based in our school main entrance.



Our school timetable...

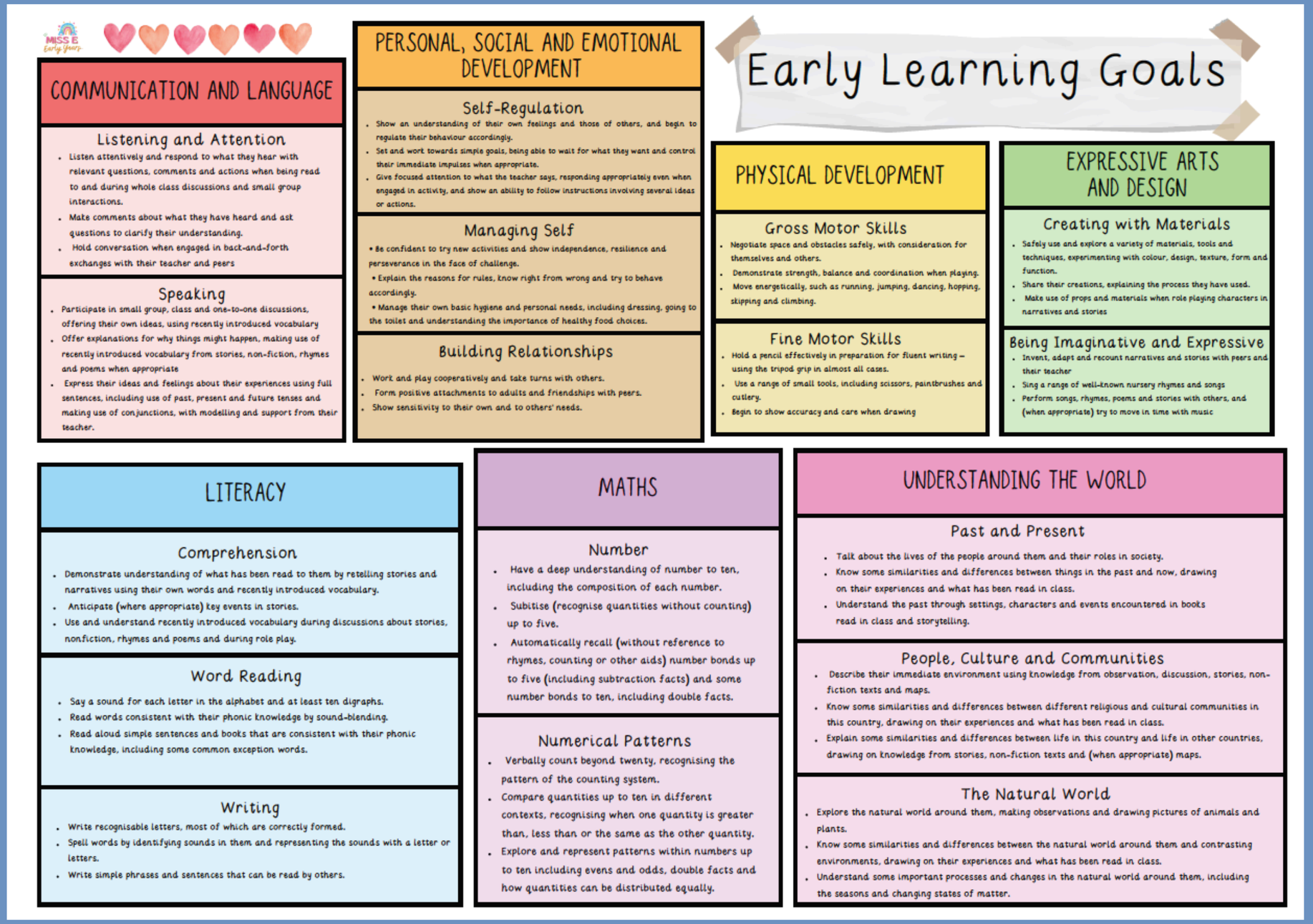
Time/ Day	8.55 – 9:10	9:10-10:00	10-10:20	10:20-10:35	10:35 – 11:00	11-11:40	11:40 - 11:50	11:50 -1:00	1-1:05	1:05-1:20	1:20-2:00	2:15-2:45	2:30 – 2:45	2:45 - 3:00	3-3:15	3-15 – 3:25
Mon	Register and hand writing	Literacy time (9.10 – 9.30am)	Snack & Milk	Break	Phonics	Discovery/ guided activity **1:1 readers/ change books**	Wash hands, coats, story	Lunchtime	Register + supervised toothbrushing	UTW/ Topic	Discovery/ guided activity	Discovery/ guided activity	Tidy up	Get ready for assembly, get home things, story time	Whole School Worship	Coats on, story, home time
		CP **1:1 readers/ change books**										Maths (NCETM)				
Tues		Literacy time (9.10 – 9.30am)			Phonics	Discovery/ guided activity				Maths (NCETM)	Discovery/guided activity				Hymn Practise	Coats on, story, home time
Weds		P.E.			Phonics	Discovery/ guided activity				Maths (NCETM)	Discovery/ guided activity	Literacy time			Worship in class	Coats on, story, home time
Thurs		P.E.			Phonics	Discovery/ guided activity **Library book changes (MB)**				Maths (NCETM)	EAD/CP				Key Stage Worship	Coats on, story, home time
Fri		R.E. (9.10 – 9.30am) CP			Phonics	Discovery/ guided activity				Maths (SSM focus)	Discovery/ guided activity	Discovery/ guided activity			2:45pm Celebration Assembly	Coats on, story, home time

The school day...

8.50am - School bell rings and children enter through the Reception door.
9am - Children are settled, completing a morning activity, registers.
9.05am - Literacy time/PE/RE.
9.25am - Discovery time.
10am - Tidy up and snack time.
10.20am - Reception and KS1 break time.
10.40am - Phonics.
11am - Discovery time.
11.30am- Tidy up, wash hands, get coats for lunch time.
11.45am- Lunch time prayer.
11.50am- Lunch time.
1pm - Toothbrushing and register.
1.10pm - Maths/UTW topic focus.
1.30pm - Discovery time.
2.45pm - Tidy up and get ready for home.
3pm - Worship either in the hall or in our classroom.
3.15pm - Story.
3.25pm - Home time.



EYFS areas of learning...













In Reception we learn through our play!

Discovery time!

Observation and assessment opportunities.

Can stem from the children's interests.

Modelled by an adult to promote independence in the environment.

Children learn social skills through turn-taking and sharing.

Independent learning - 'Discovery Time!'

Topic based enhancements or based on our Literacy text - lots of 'invitations' to engage.

A balance of adult-initiated activities and child-led activities.

Learning through play; sensory, engaging, exciting, hands on, memorable and active!


Funky Fingers
DO NOT TOUCH!
Construction in Progress!
















SNAILS!



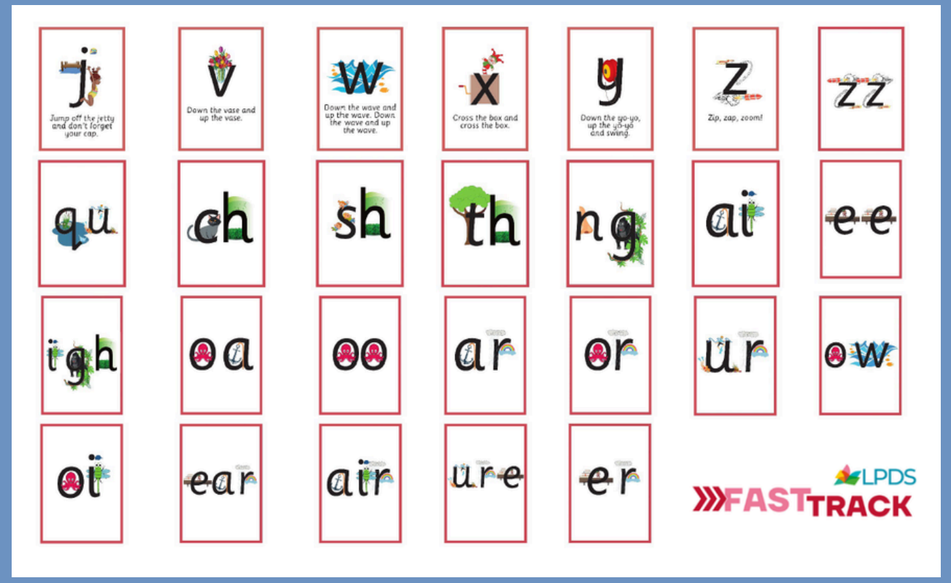
LPDS

REDROSE Letters and Sounds

Daily, systematic and synthetic phonics to support the teaching of reading and writing.



Phase 2: Individual sounds and first digraphs taught.

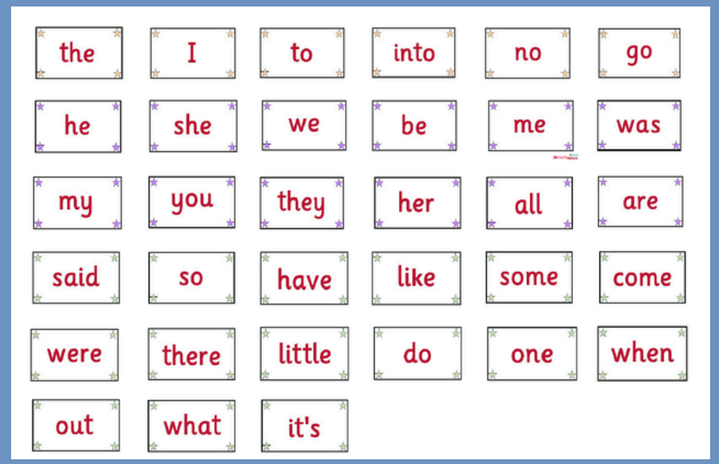


Phase 3: More digraphs taught and trigraphs introduced.

Phase 4 Overview and Tricky Words

Phase 4	Adjacent Consonants	Tricky Words
Week 1	Teach CVCC and CCV	Teach said so have like
Week 2	Teach CCVC and CCVCC	Teach some come were there
Week 3	Teach CCCVC and CCCVCC	Teach little do one when
Week 4	Teach Polysyllabic words containing Phase 2 and 3 graphemes, and adjacent consonants.	Teach out what it's

Phase 4: Builds on learning from Phase 2 and 3 and explicitly teaches oral blending and segmenting, blending for reading and segmenting for writing.



Tricky words: each phase has specific tricky words to learn. Tricky words are words which we can't decode (some can be decoded but they are tricky as the children haven't learnt those sounds yet).

You will be invited to a parent's morning in our Autumn term in the hall with your children. We will teach a phonics session and your children will showcase some of our phonics games with you 🙂



Reading in Reception...

Reading is SO important for all children but especially in the Early Years.

Your child will have two books a week and a library book from our infant library.

Myself and Miss Begbie read with the children once a week and change their books.

It is SO important that you read at least 3 times a week with your child and write in their reading diary - you can communicate any sounds they are struggling with, how they are enjoying their book or just write a message about what they have completed that week.







Evidence of learning...

We will keep a learning journey of your child's independent work, 'wow' work, or any topic work.

Your child will have a Literacy book for recording writing for each Communication, Language and Literacy unit.

Floorbooks - Miss Begbie carefully documents our learning in floorbooks. We have floorbooks for RE, topic and maths.

Social media posts - we have a school Facebook and Instagram - give us a follow!

Interventions will be planned as required and you will be spoken with if your child needs any specific intervention at any point in the year.

Snack time...



Each day at 10am it is snack time and the children can choose a piece of fruit or sometimes raisins.



All children are now offered milk in Reception. There is an opt-out form in your pack.

Your child can either have a free school dinner or bring a packed lunch to school. School dinners are free to all children in R and KS1. The children choose their dinner option in the morning - they usually have 2 or 3 options to choose from!



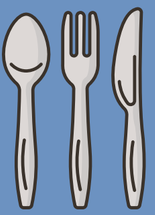
Our school hall...





We use the hall for our PE sessions, worship, to watch performances, to do any clubs which are held in the hall and most importantly...where we eat lunch!

The children eat their dinner from 11.50am - 12.25pm and then go outside to play from 12.25 - 1pm. Both myself and Miss Begbie support Reception class to settle, cut up food, pour drinks and show them where to take their trays when they are finished. This support lasts all year but it is very important that your child can have a go at using cutlery before they start school.



Re and Worship...

- Our Bible verse - "Let your light shine before others, that may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

- Our Christian Values are in everything we do and we encourage the children to show respect, use manners, be Kind and to treat others how you would want to be treated.

- We have RE once a week and we celebrate various Christian festivals throughout the year. We also celebrate important celebrations in different faiths such as; Divali, Eid and Chinese New Year.

- We join together as a whole school 3 times a week, once as a Key Stage and once in class for worship.

- We pray at least twice a day to God and we encourage the children to pray whenever they feel like they want to.

Behaviour policy...

In Reception we focus on our Gold Star and all of the children work hard to go onto the Gold Star! We always focus on positive behaviours. If your child goes onto the Gold Star, they will get a special sticker and a 'Proud Postcard'.

We have a 'Thinking Bubble' which children will move onto if they aren't making the right choices and we can ALWAYS come off the Thinking Bubble back to green as soon as we are back on track.

Our school behaviour policy is on the website for you look at.
We do have an amber and red spot which is for persistent behaviours or any of the red behaviours listed in the policy. You will be contacted or spoken with if your child is on amber or red at the end of the day.

On a Friday afternoon we hold our 'Celebration Worship' which is where our 'Christian Value' certificate winners will be celebrated and parents are invited to this. You are given notice on a Wednesday if it is your child being awarded.

In your pack, you will find a 'House Team' for your child. The children can achieve gems for their team throughout the week and at the end of each half term our whole-school gem pots are weighed and the winning team get a non-uniform day!

We focus on instrinsic rewards at GSM and the children are encouraged to let their lights shine at all times to instill a sense of achievement, pride and respect.

Enrichment in Reception...



Role & Play Mini City
September 2026



Releasing our butterflies

Further enrichment activities are planned into the children's learning weekly 🙂



Zoolab Minibeasts
March 2027



BrocKholes Nature Reserve
Spring Term



Whole School Panto
Clitheroe Grand



People Who Help Us visitors

Communication...

Teachers2Parents: Staff can send information to you via email or text.

School website: Reception class page, Reception curriculum, New Starter page, individual subject pages, policies, term dates etc...

Newsletters: weekly Reception newsletter and a weekly whole-school newsletter both sent out on a Friday.

Reception door: I will be at the door/at the gate most mornings and afternoons for any messages from yourselves or for me to pass on.

Office: if you any questions, concerns or messages to pass on throughout the day, please email/call the office office@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 653600.



What the induction process looks like...

Our new starter evening: TONIGHT! Tuesday 9th June

Transition morning/afternoon: Thursday 2nd July - your packs have a document which tells you if your child is in the morning group or the afternoon group.
Either 9.30am - 11.30am OR 1.15pm - 3.15pm

Induction packs: Your child's new book bag will have your induction pack (next slide will show what is in there).

<u>September</u>

<u>Week 1: W/C 1st September</u>
Tuesday 1st September: Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd september: Home Visits (date and time is in your induction pack too)

<u>Week 2: W/C 7th September</u>
ALL children start full school days 8.50am - 3.25pm

Your induction pack...



Please ensure you complete and return all the documents from within your packs as soon as possible.

This will allow Miss Dewhurst to process everything in plenty of time.

The latest they can be sent in is Friday 10th July.

Home visits...

Your day and time is in your induction pack. We have carefully planned our route and timings so please try to accommodate your allocated time.

Our visit will last for 10 minutes and will be an opportunity for us to meet your child in their home environment.



Our planning can take into account personal interests; especially over the first few weeks as we are getting to know the children and building relationships.

It is lovely to see what your child likes to play with, what they are interested in or what they like to read currently at home.

Nursery transitions...

Over the next few weeks, I will contact external nurseries to gather transition data.

If your child is at Discovery Vine, myself and Mrs Taylor already have a transition date booked in.



Miss Smith, SENCO and DH, is available this evening for any conversations regarding SEN or any initial concerns regarding SEN.

Please try not to worry! Children are very resilient and most transition smoothly into Reception 🙂

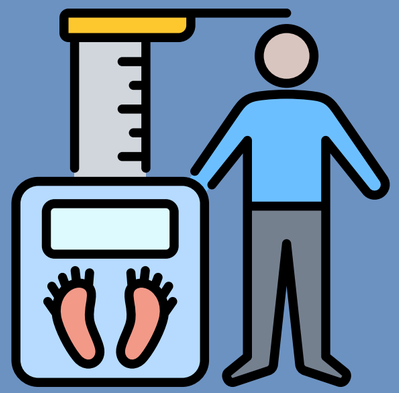
Toothbrushing in Reception...

There is a consent form in your induction pack - the children do all love joining in and it's just 2 minutes out of our day!



Scan the QR code for all of the information about toothbrushing.

Lancashire Healthy Young Persons and Families Service...









Scan the QR code to go to the website for more information and resources.



All of the information is accessible via the 'New Starter' page on our school website.

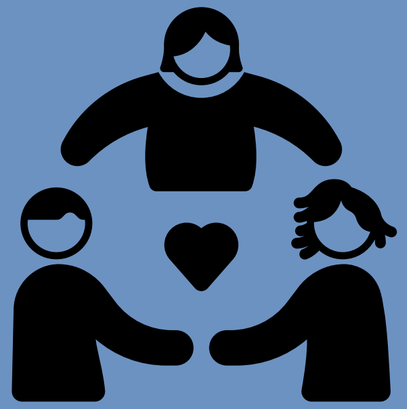
If you have any questions at all between now and September please email/call school.

Feel free to come and visit the Reception Classroom before you leave 🙂

We can't wait to meet you all and welcome your children to GSM!

Miss Smith

Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and RE and Faith Leader



SEN support

RE



Faith and Worship