

*A Day in the Life of a
Reception child
at
St. Martin's Primary and
Nursery School*



The aim of this short booklet is to outline a 'typical day' in a Reception classroom.

8:20 am - Teachers open the classroom doors to welcome everyone into school. Children can share their news and parents can chat with us if needed. With the help of their parents, children use a self-registration system to indicate their lunch choices.

8:25 am - We use a visual timetable each day to enable children to understand how the



day is organised. The day begins with 'busy bee' morning activities as the children arrive and settle. We then will have a communal time for collective worship, this might be with the rest of the school in the hall or sometimes in our classrooms having a rousing sing-song.

9:00 am - Each day the children will have three focused 'carpet time' inputs; Phonics, Communication & Language / Knowledge and Understanding and maths session where we teach a range of concepts such as counting, number recognition, finding totals and shape and measures.



Every day we start with our Phonics session where we develop our skills as early readers following the Systematic Synthetic Phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds'.

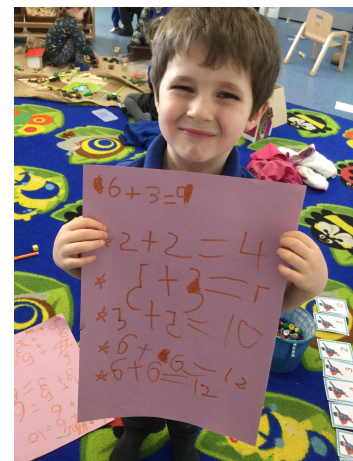
All through the day you will see children '**Learning Through Play**'. This is where the children become whole-heartedly involved and engaged in self initiated play in order to develop their own learning and follow their own lines of enquiry. During this time children may also work in a guided group with an adult to further their learning.



Each day we also spend time on the large playground or field where children have lots of space to run around, to scramble on the climbing wall and to chat to friends whilst having a healthy snack. This is really important as it enables children to develop their imagination and games/play without any given objects. They love playing 'chase', 'duck duck goose' and 'hide and seek'



Our school places great importance on the role of vocabulary and language understanding and acquisition. So throughout the day the children enjoy sharing books, telling poems, singing rhymes and learning stories



At lunchtime your child can have a school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home. As part of our 'Family Lunch' they eat their lunch in the hall, served at the table and then play in the large playground with their friends.

3:00pm. We end the day with stories, songs and reflections. Parents and Carers collect their children from the classroom where staff are available to talk through the day

Some key information that you might find useful

- *We have 'Forest School' once a week where we learn in our wonderful forest and outdoor areas*
- *We have a 'Family lunch' in our dinner hall where children are served at their class table by a well known adult and spend quality time together*
- *Both the indoor and outdoor provision is open for children in all weathers - children can choose where they want to play and learn*
- *We use 'Tapestry' as a platform to share and celebrate your child's steps in their learning*

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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