

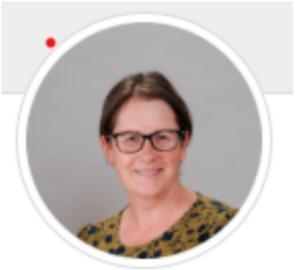
Welcome to Banister Primary School!





Meet the staff

Mrs Price - Deputy Head



Miss Heller - Assistant Head teacher and current EYFS lead.



Miss Flannery - EYFS teacher



Transition

- Week of June 16th – EYFS open for preschool drop ins
 - June Stay and play with your child – Tuesday 24th
June 1:30-2:30
 - July 1st/8th 1:30-2:30 – stay and play for children (parents to outer space for information sessions)
 - Tuesday 15th July (11am) – Picnic on the common for parents and child – a time to get to know each other as families.
- 1:1 meetings are on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday on 1st week back in September (3rd-5th)
- Slow transition on the week of the 8th – Monday, Tuesday 9-11am, Wednesday/Thursday 8:15-1:15pm, Friday full day (8:15-3).
 - Week of 15th Sept – children will be full time.

These dates can also be found on our school website in the New to Year R section and in your welcome packs.



What will it be like in Reception?

- Readiness is Key!
- More school readiness road maps are available if you have not yet managed to see one.

**School readiness
workshop:
23rd May 2025**



Prompting Independence

School Road map





Reception Environment

Different learning areas within the indoor and outdoor spaces.

Lots of floor space for the children to spread out.

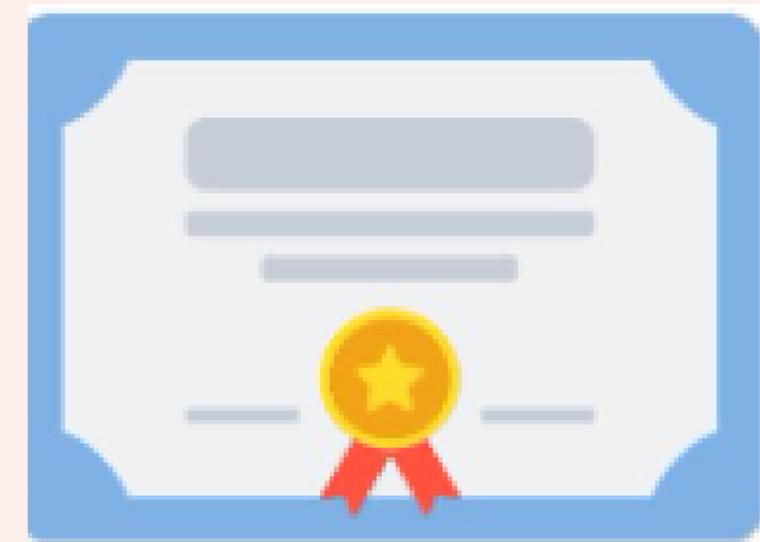
Quality resources accessible to the children.

Language rich environment, with resources labelled with pictures.

Resources enhanced throughout each week according to what the children have been doing.



Behaviour and Expectations



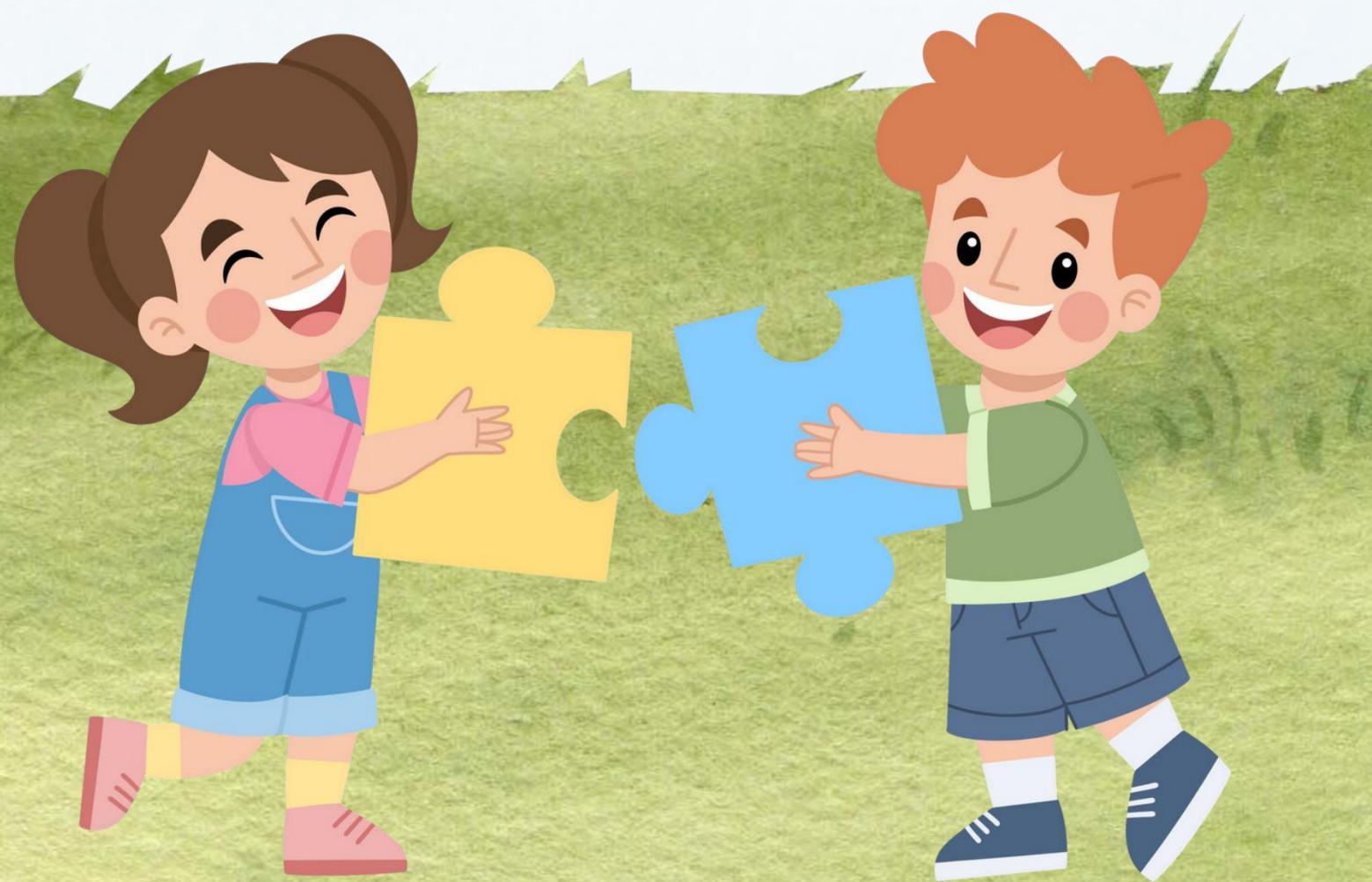
Celebrating Children's Learning

Learning is celebrated everyday. We will celebrate and share children's learning through:

- Regular show and tell sessions at the end of the day
- Stickers
- Displays
- Sharing wow moments with parents on Tapestry.
- Certificates



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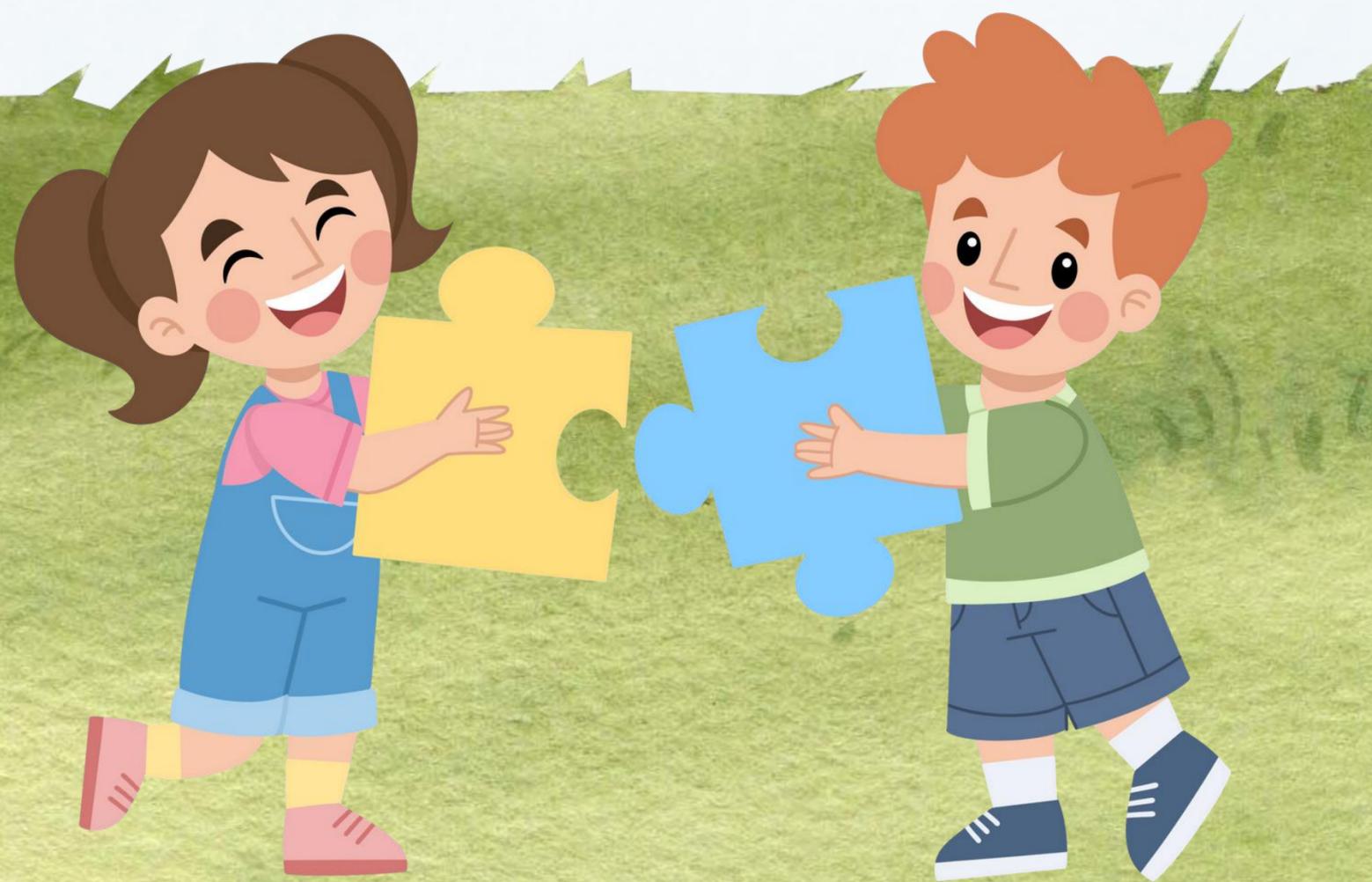


The School day

- 8:15am - Doors open and children are welcomed into school
- 8:30am – Doors close
- 8:30-11:45 – Learning activities (healthy snack provided during the morning)
- 11:45am – Lunchtime (children can choose either a hot dinner or bring a packed lunch) children play in their own playground.
- 1-3pm – Learning activities
- 3pm – Home time

Water is provided throughout the day

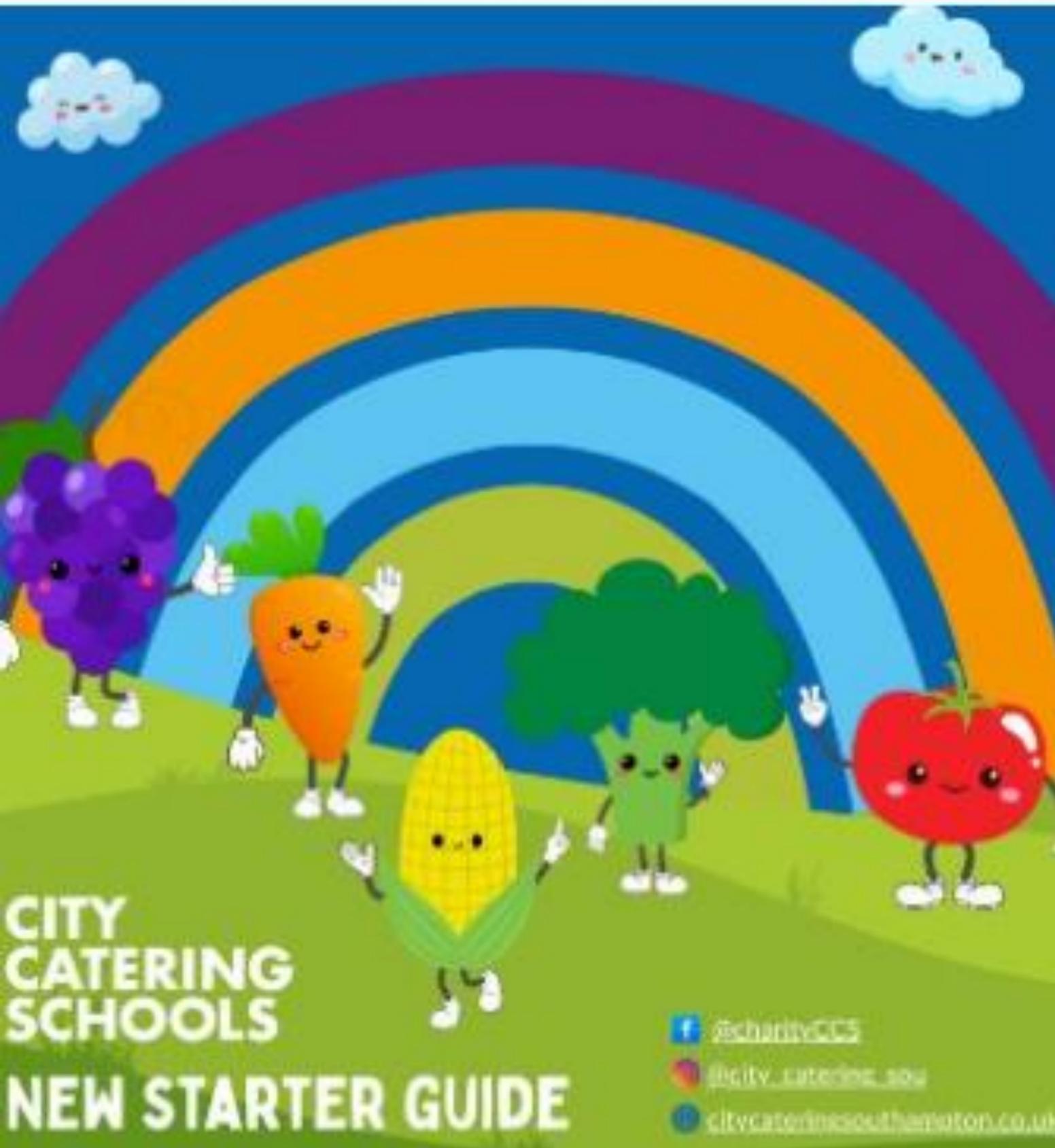
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Lunch time

- Each day children will have a choice of 3 hot dinners. They will select their lunch as part of their morning routine.
- 1 meat option (Blue)
- 1 vegetarian option (Yellow)
- 1 mixed option (Purple)
- Children can also bring their own packed lunch.

WE HAVE PICTURES OF ALL THE MEAL OPTIONS FOR THAT DAY IN THE CLASSROOM



School dinners

Facebook events:

24 June 6:30pm-8:00pm

28 August 1:00pm-2:30pm

**marketing@citycateringsouthampton.
co.uk.**

Find your school menu below

Banister Primary - [Online Summer Menu](#) | [Printable Summer 2025 Menu](#) | [Printable Summer 2025 Menu with Allergens](#) | [School Menu Poster Summer 2025](#)

<https://www.citycateringsouthampton.co.uk/schoolmenus>

What will my child need?

- School uniform
- PE Kit
- Lunchbox (if bringing their own lunch)

We provide:
1st Book bags
1st PE bag

Water bottles at low cost
Hot dinners/ morning snack

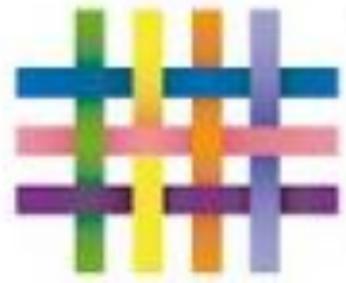
**Labelled
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Parent Partnership

- We want you to be very involved with your child's Reception Year.
- You are your child's first educator and know them best!
- Please share through Tapestry, anything you have done at home that is important to your child, and we will share and celebrate it at school!
- Stay and Play Sessions
- Regularly reading at home with your child is very important.
- Children will bring home phonics sounds and tricky words to practice.
- Family projects will be sent home





TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

- Tapestry is our online learning journal.
- You will receive an email in July inviting you to log on.
- More about Tapestry during an information session during Stay and Play



7 Areas of Learning within Early Years

Communication and Language
Literacy

Physical Development

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Personal, Social and Emotional
Development

Mathematics

**These will be available on our website if
you would like to explore the different
areas of learning further.**



Assessment in Early Years

The Reception Baseline is a short assessment, taken within the first 6 weeks in which a child starts Reception.

In the final term (summer) the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile must be completed for each child – it provides a well-rounded picture of a child’s knowledge, understanding and abilities in readiness for Year 1.



Phonics

How can you support at home?

- Phonics packs – These will be updated weekly with the sounds that we are learning in school. You can use them at home to support your child with recognising, saying and writing the sound.
- We will host a phonics, reading and writing workshop in September. We will go into more detail about how we teach phonics and how you can support at home.
- Keep checking Tapestry – Support videos will be available for you.



How can you support at home?

- Your child will be given a reading book every week that matches their phonic ability.
- Reading this book with your child is the most beneficial task you can do to support your child's learning.
- Reread the book to build confidence and fluency.
- Please record every time you read with your child in their blue reading diary.
- Letter formation – these will be sent home to practise after each letter is practised.

Your child's name will go home tomorrow to practice.



Things to remember

Make sure that ALL your child's clothes and personal belongings are clearly named and labelled.

Book bags will be provided by the school.

This information can be found in the Welcome pack on the school Website.



WHAT MY CHILD NEEDS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A NAMED PE BAG

A NAMED COAT

A CLEARLY NAMED BOOKBAG

SCHOOL WATER BOTTLE

WE WILL PROVIDE THEIR FIRST BOOKBAG AND WATER BOTTLE

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER

SPARE UNDERWEAR / SOCKS

WELLIES / WATERPROOFS / SUNHATS

UNIFORM TIPS

- Please label all jumpers and cardigans with a permanent waterproof pen. When names come off in the wash it makes it hard to return jumpers and cardigan to their owners.
- Little fingers struggle with little buttons on shirts, polo tops and cardigans. Practise doing and undoing buttons at home
- We recommend velcro or slip on shoes to start with, as children can then independently take their shoes on and off.

Belief • Pride • Success

The transition webpage



Banister Primary School
<https://www.banisterschool.co.uk>

Banister Primary School - Home

WEB Banister Primary school is a vibrant, diverse and forward thinking school where all individuals share a passion to exceed expectations. We firmly believe that all children ...

In this section

Helpful Videos

Key Information for new parents

What's on

[New Year R Parents: September 2024](#)

New Year R Parents: September 2024

Welcome to Banister Primary School, where every child's journey begins with a warm embrace and endless possibilities! We're thrilled to extend our open arms to you and your family as you embark on this exciting educational adventure with us. At Banister, we believe in fostering a nurturing environment where curiosity thrives, creativity blossoms, and every student's unique potential is celebrated. Together, let's build a community dedicated to learning, growth, and endless discovery. Welcome to the Banister family!

In this section, you'll discover everything you need to support you and your family in preparing for Year R. We're here to provide all the resources, guidance, and assistance to ensure a smooth transition into this exciting chapter of your child's educational journey. From helpful tips to valuable information, consider this your go-to hub for preparing for Year R at Banister Primary School. Let's embark on this adventure together!

[Tapestry Permission Link for New Year R parents for September 2024](#)

Learning Links:

- You may find this link to [Essential Letters and Sounds with Oxford Owl](#) useful

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This page is currently awaiting content

[New Parents Letter - May 2024 - Revised 07.06.2024](#)

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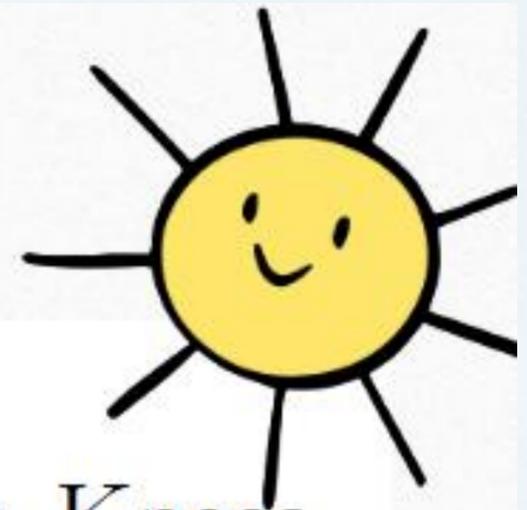
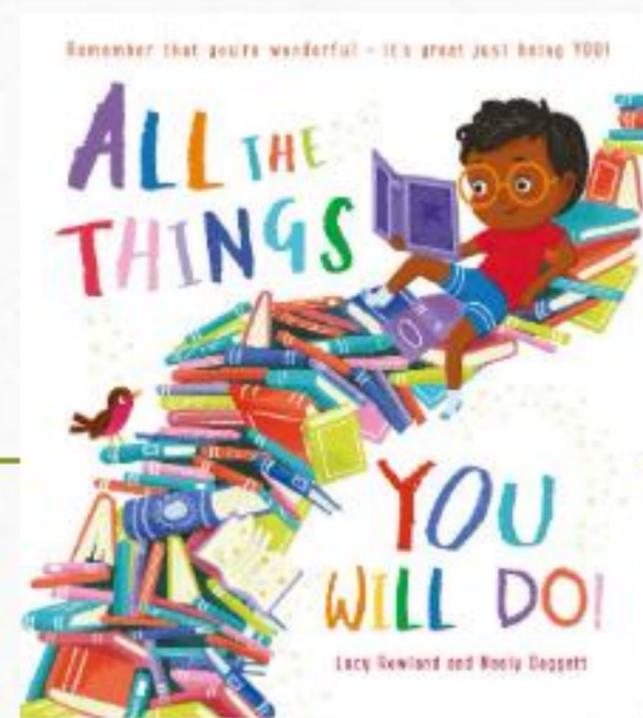
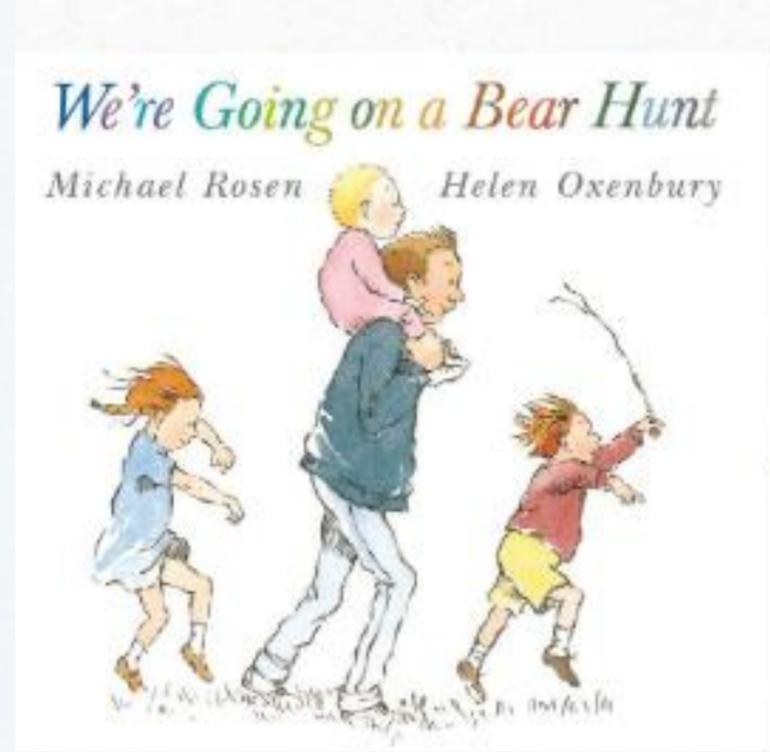


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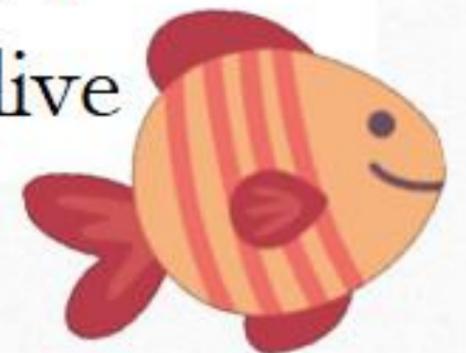
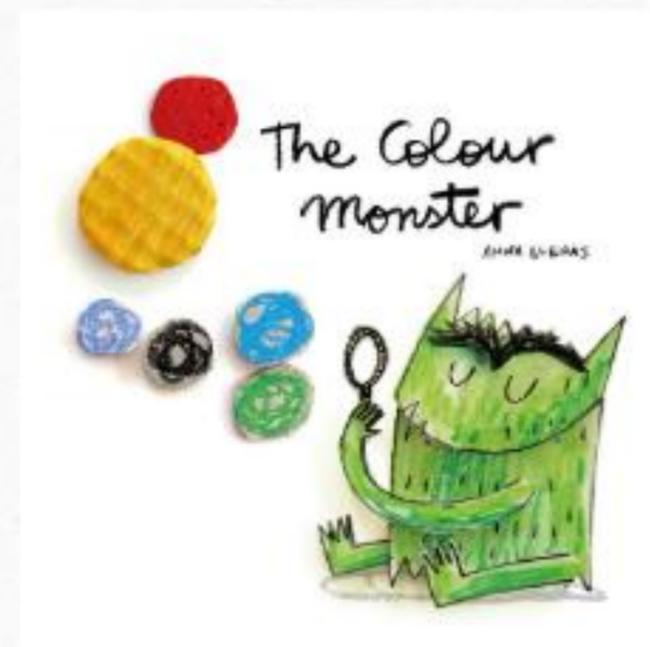
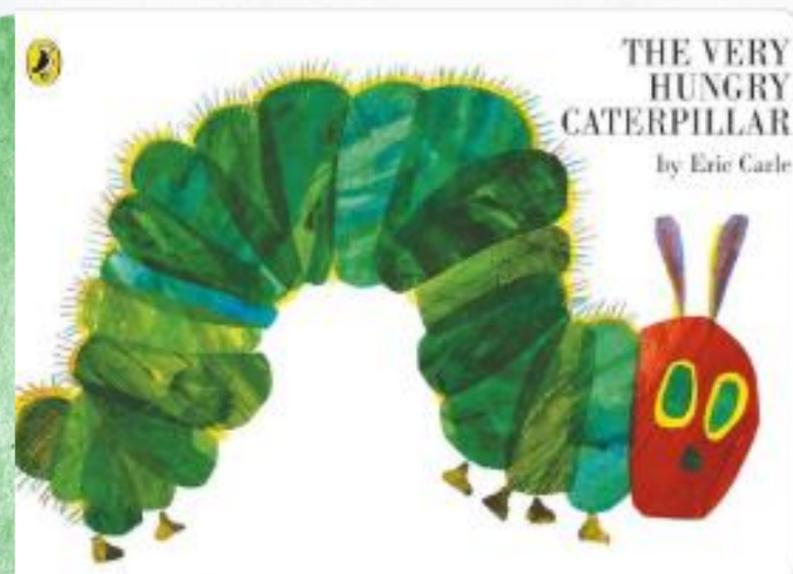


The Southampton transition



Nursery Rhymes:

- Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive



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All About Me-Moving On

My name:	Preferred name:	Date of birth:	Setting:
Things I can do:	What I like and enjoy: (e.g. toys, interests, rhymes, stories, activities)	My family and people who are important to me:	
		What my family and I celebrate:	
		My home language:	
Things I am working on:	Photo of me	What I find difficult and how to support me: (visuals, short simple instructions, now and next board, etc.)	
Gender:		My health: (any allergies or medical info)	
SEND: Yes / No		Other important information: (e.g. dietary requirements, EHC, etc.)	
EYPP: Yes / No		Any professionals or agencies supporting me: (E.g. SALT/Social Worker/Physio, etc.)	
Date started at setting:	What I dislike:		
How many hours I attend:			
Attendance (%):			
Any other settings attended:			

Any Questions?

**Ask any staff member around this evening
or
ask us when you attend your drop-in sessions.**

Thank you for coming!

