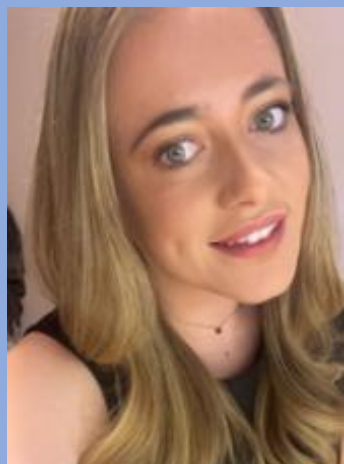


Welcome to Thorngumbald Primary School

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



Meet the Team



Miss Killelay
EYFS Teacher



Mrs Sutton
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Dilley
Teaching Assistant

Your child's first day at school

Our staggered start:

Wednesday 9th September- 2 hour sessions in the morning or afternoon

Thursday 10th September- all morning (including lunch)

Friday 11th September- Reception will be in full time from 8:45am-3:20pm



Reception children come into school via the KS1 playground



What will your child be doing during their first week at school?

- Getting to know each other, the teachers and our class bear
- Circle games, songs, stories, small group maths and phonics activities
- Getting to know the classroom and classroom rules
- Getting to know the routines
- Earning their first Dojo!

What will your child need on their first day of school?

- Themselves!
- A book bag
- A water bottle
- The children will not need their PE kit for the first few weeks
- We ask that you send a bag of spare clothes with your child (including socks and underwear) that can be left at school. Although we have some spare clothes, ensuring they are the correct size can be tricky.



Please label everything!



Please ensure the children wear shoes that they can fasten up themselves!

Lunchtimes

- At lunchtime we provide hot school meals which are prepared in the kitchen at Inmans Primary School.
- Menus for the term are available to view in the school entrance and on the website. Vegan and vegetarian meal options are available.
- Whilst the hot school meals are free of charge for children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, I would highly recommend that for the first 2 weeks the children come with a packed lunch as it is a big change for them having lunch in the dining hall.

Lunchtimes

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Wraparound Care



Drop off times are
7.30am or 8.00am



Pick up times are
4.30pm or 5.00pm

A day in Reception

- Once the children are settled, confident and used to their new surroundings, a normal day in Reception will look like this! This is built up over time and will begin with very short focused activities at the beginning of the year.
- Morning jobs
- Wake Up Shake Up, register, calendar
- Phonics
- Snack
- Choosing Time (Independent learning in provision areas, free flow indoor and outdoor)
- Maths
- Lunch
- Adult Initiated Activity (Understanding the World, PE, Expressive Arts and Design)
- Choosing Time (Independent learning in provision areas, free flow indoor and outdoor)
- Story

Guided reading is done during provision in small groups

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!



Uniform

- A comprehensive range of school uniform items can be purchased direct from Steady School and Sportswear:

www.steadyschoolwear.co.uk

- Items include sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit; fleeces, jackets and reading book bags are also available.
- However your supermarket or high street store uniform is perfectly fine this includes things like cardigans - as long as they are blue.

- Black shoes
- White polo/shirt
- Black/grey trousers/ shorts or skirt
- Blue jumper or cardigan



PE

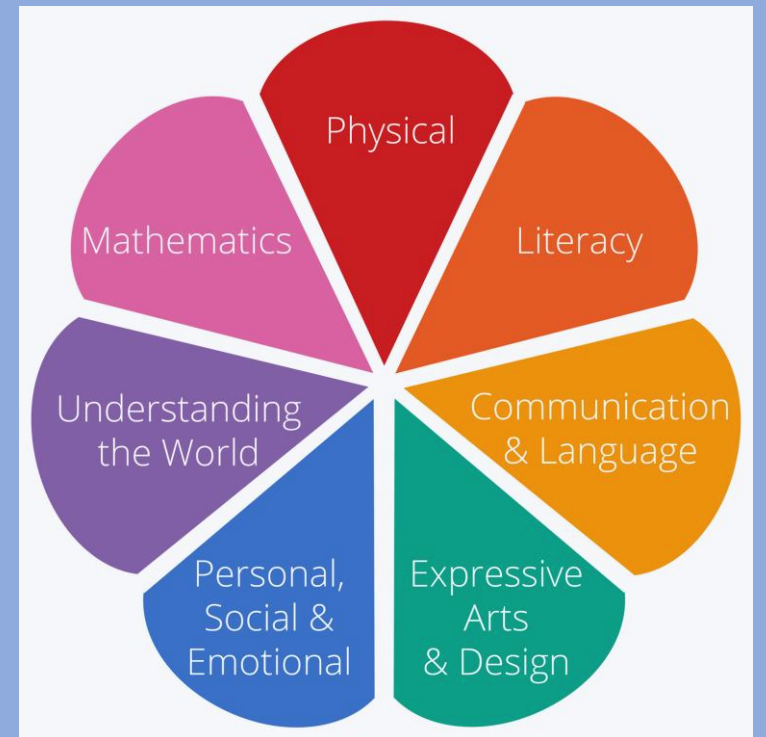
- For PE, both boys and girls wear black shorts/jogging bottoms and white tee-shirts. The children can also wear a black tracksuit top for the cold weather.
- The children will come to school in their uniform and get changed at school. This will promote independence and encourage the children to look after their belongings.
- We will let you know what day this is when your child starts in September. We usually leave a few weeks to settle in before we start PE.



The Reception Curriculum

In Reception we assess 17 areas of child development which come under seven main areas of development.

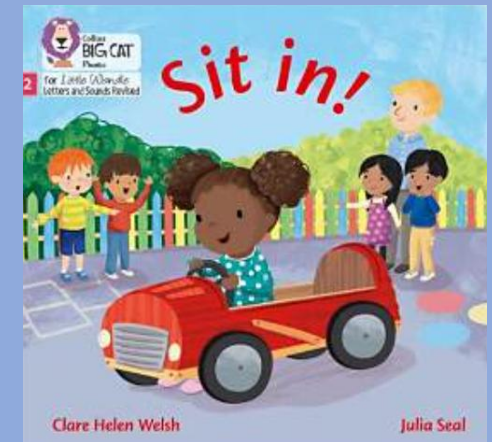
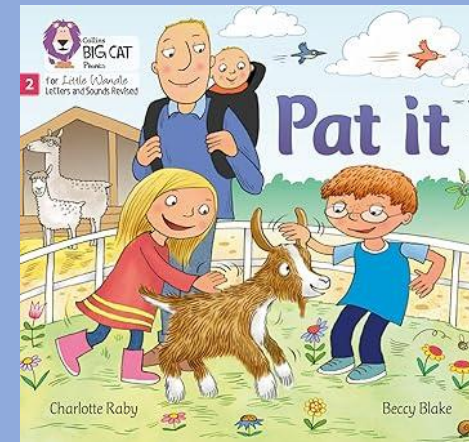
- Your child will learn through a combination of child-led activities (choosing time) and adult-led activities.
- During choosing time the children can choose which area they would like to learn in. These areas are enhanced to support the children's progress throughout the year.



Reading



- We use Little Wandle for our phonics scheme.
- Every week your child will bring home a decodable reading book which is matched to what we have learnt in phonics. Your child's first book will have no words, this is to encourage language development and story-telling until we have taught our first letters and sounds in phonics!
- They will also choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from the school library each week which can be shared with an adult to promote a love for reading.
- I will arrange a phonics parent learn session for September.



Early Maths

In Reception we focus on four main concepts-

- Recognising numbers
 - Fluent counting
 - Subitising- recognising different representations of numbers without counting
 - Talking about maths and using a wide range of vocabulary!
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- We focus on mastering the key concepts in maths and ensure that the children are fluent in basic maths skills and can use a number of resources and methods to help them.
 - In EYFS we use the NCETM Mastering Number Programme which builds firm foundations for later learning in maths.





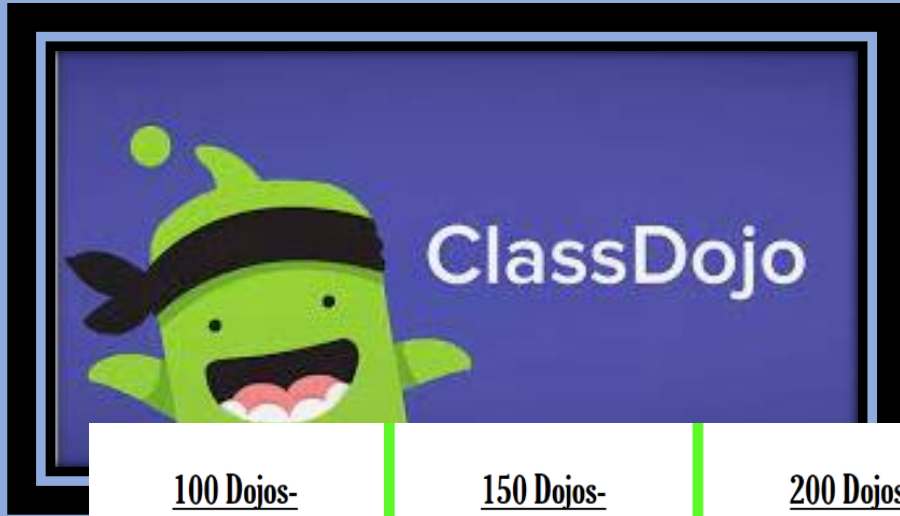
Children need to get messy: paint, jump in puddles, dig in the mud, bake, play with water, and roll down hills. Sensory play is important work.

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- Children can bring in their own waterproofs and wellies for messy outdoor play!
- We do have aprons and wellies they can borrow too.

Class Dojo



100 Dojos-
Choose a special pen/
pencil to use for the day.

150 Dojos-
Bring a teddy or a cushion
to use for the day.

200 Dojos-
10 minutes of free
computer/ iPad time.

250 Dojos-
Sit in a comfy chair all
day.

300 Dojos-
Wear slippers/ comfy
shoes.

350 Dojos-
Choose a friend to sit next
to.

400 Dojos-
Sit on the VIP table at
lunchtime.

450 Dojos-
Choose a lesson for the
class to skip.

500 Dojos-
The class can have an
extra break time.

- A secure online communication app to record photos and comments, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us.
- This system will allow us to share information and communicate with yourselves directly.
- Forms for this will be sent home in September.
- We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child. We love to see what you've been up to.
- Throughout the day, children can earn Dojos which can then be exchanged for a reward!

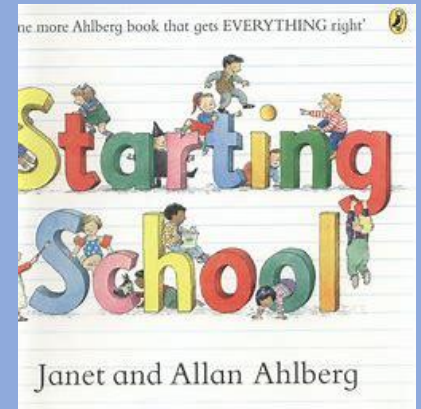
Marble Jar!

We work as a team to achieve awards using our marble jar!



How can you support your child as they start school?

- Talk about school! Encourage your child to talk about the things they are excited about and any worries they might have. When they start school, encourage them to tell you about their day and always feel free to chat to us on the gate if you need to.
- Encourage toileting, dressing and eating independently
- Help your child to be able to put on their coat and zip it up independently.
- Read their weekly home reading book (at the beginning of Reception, your child will receive a book without words. This is to encourage story telling, use of language and comprehension before they begin to learn to read).



Dates

Transition afternoon- Wednesday 1st July

- As we are welcoming additional children to the class, we have slightly adjusted the timings and will run the transition in two groups.
- This visit is for the children only, you will need to drop them off at the main entrance, EYFS staff will be on the gate to welcome them in.
- The times will be **1:10pm-2pm** and **2:10pm-3:00pm**.
- I will let you know what time your child has been allocated once I have their nursery details.

Story Sessions 4pm-4:30pm

- Wednesday 3rd June
- Tuesday 16th June
- Monday 22nd June
- Monday 29th June
- A chance for your child to see their new classroom in a small group.
- Each session has space for 5 children. Please write your child's name and nursery on the sheet in the hall.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Before you leave

- Show birth certificate
- Collect a starter pack which includes the admission form
- Add your child's name and nursery to the story session

We are available to chat if you have any questions or worries!