Welcome to Year R

Mrs Price (Headteacher)
Mrs Larner (Year R Class Teacher)
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Our School Vision

'Embracing Learning Together'

At Powick CE Primary School we are a caring Christian community where everyone is welcome and, following the example set by Jesus, we thread kindness and compassion through everything we do. Through working together, we desire for everyone in our community to flourish by developing their God given talents.

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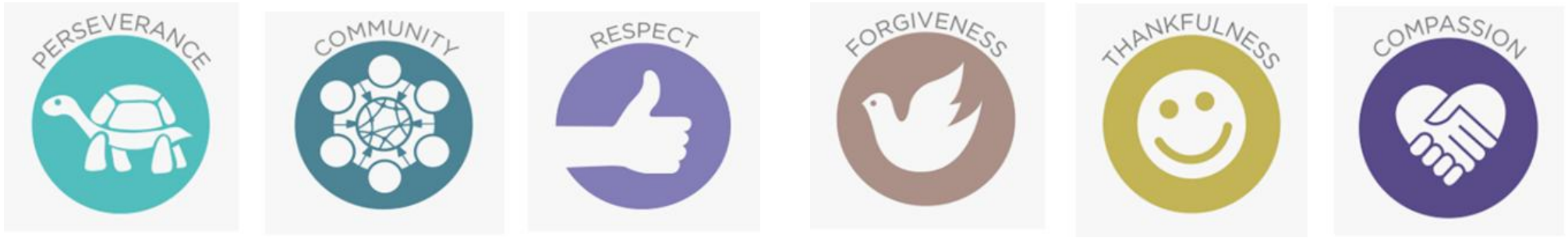
Our School Values

We reward our children for demonstrating our Christian Values. Each half term the whole school learns about and celebrates one of our values. Children earn tokens and certificates for showing our values in action.



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Assemblies and Celebration Assemblies

The whole school meets regularly for collective worship. Year R will join us as appropriate.

Through the week, worship involves sharing our values, singing, Open the Book (Bible Stories) and celebration.

Parents are invited to Friday morning celebration worship, where children receive certificates for good work and values. Parents will be notified on a Wednesday if their child is receiving a certificate.

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Class Dojo

Children are awarded different coloured Dojo badges for every 100 Dojo Points they earn.

Dojo Points and Badges

Number of points	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1200	1500	1900	2500
Badge colour	White	Yellow	Orange	Red	Green	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Pink	Purple	Black	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum

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Uniform

School Uniform - To be worn each day when the class does not participate in physical education

- **Grey** shorts, trousers, pinafore or skirt
- **White** Shirt
- School Tie - Green with yellow stripes
- **Bottle Green** cardigan or jumper
- White, grey or black socks
- Sensible black school shoes

Adaptations in Summer Term at parents' discretion
(From after the Easter holiday until July)

- A **green and white** checked school uniform summer dress
- A **white**, short sleeved shirt without a tie

PE Uniform - To be worn on days when the class participate in physical education

- **Black** shorts, skorts, sports leggings or tracksuit trousers
- **White** polo shirt
- **Bottle Green** Hoodie or the same school jumper worn on other days
- Appropriate trainers for outdoor sports - as trainers are worn all day please ensure they are suitably free from mud to wear in the school building.

Please see our full uniform list and policy on our website

https://www.powick.worcs.sch.uk/uniform-list/

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING

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School Equipment

School will provide all the equipment your child requires for lessons.

Your child will need:

- A water bottle
- A bottle green book bag (School branded ones are available)
- Lunch box for packed lunches
- A warm or waterproof coat if necessary
- Wellies (in a named bag) for forest school sessions

Please ensure everything is named!

All children will have a locker to store their belongings.

Water bottles are kept in the classroom for easy access. Please do not send the water bottle inside the child's book bag to avoid damaging reading books.

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School Events

Please note that all events are subject to change

- Parents evenings
- Parental engagement activities
- Church services
- Nativity
- Sports Day
- Parent workshops
- Friends events

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Parent Communication

- Newsletters
- Website (policies)
- Emails
- Class Dojo

The Early Years Framework

The Early Years Foundation Stage is split into 7 areas of development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Alongside these areas of development there are also the Characteristics of Effective Learning which describe **how** your child learns best.

The 3 Characteristics of Effective Learning are:

- **Playing and Exploring** - Engagement - Finding out and exploring, playing with what they know and being willing to 'have a go'.
- **Active Learning** - Motivation - Being involved and concentrating, keep trying, enjoying achieving what they set out to do.
- **Creating and Thinking Critically** - Thinking - Having their own ideas, making links, choosing ways to do things.

There are lots of things that you can do at home to support your child in each of these areas.

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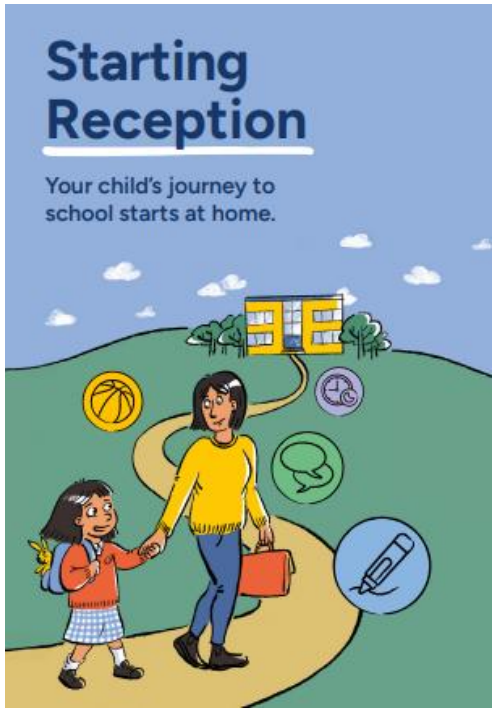
Steps to Starting School

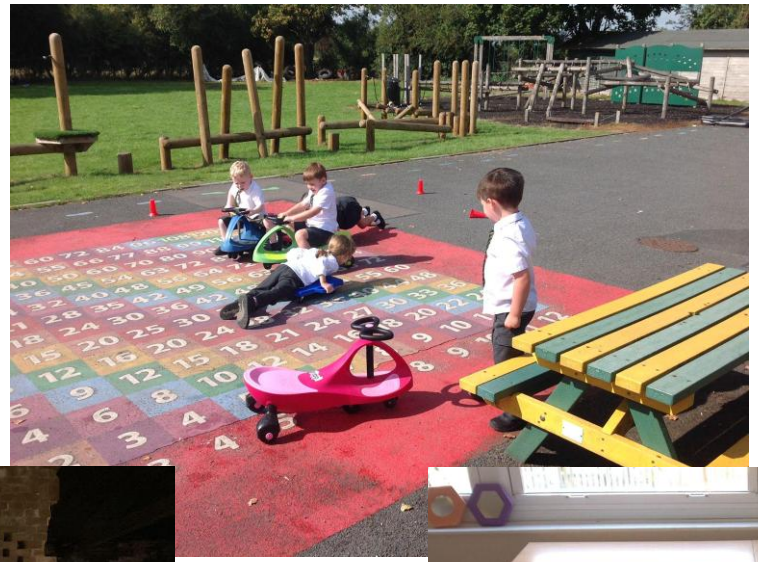
https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-school-ready/

https://startingreception.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Starting-Reception.pdf



https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/starting-school/getting-ready-for-primary-school/

Learning in Reception



Learning in Reception

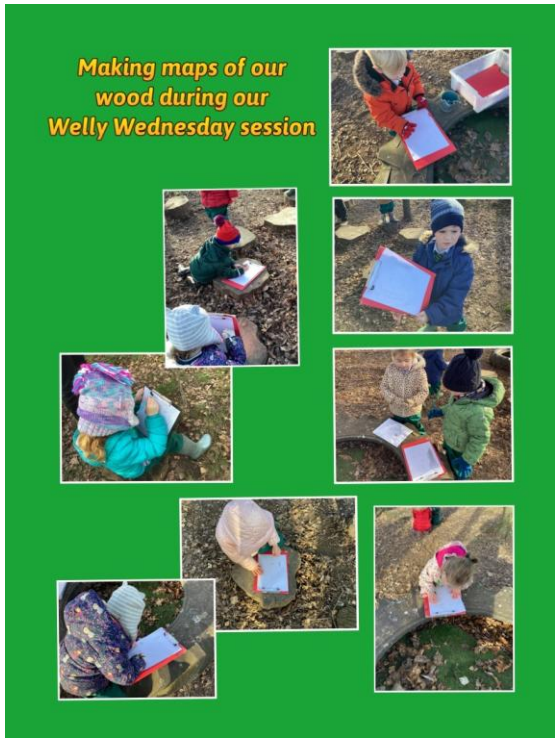
Fruit and Milk

A piece of fruit every day.

A carton of milk every day

(until they are 5 years old, then the option to purchase it)

Outdoor Learning!



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Baseline

Baseline is carried out during the first few weeks by the Reception team. The children are unaware that this is happening!

It involves :

- Observations of the children playing and settling into routines
- Games and activities in small groups or 1:1
- Information from parents

The information gathered helps to indicate where each child's starting point is and the next steps in their learning.

Every child is unique!

Independence

Tidy up
time

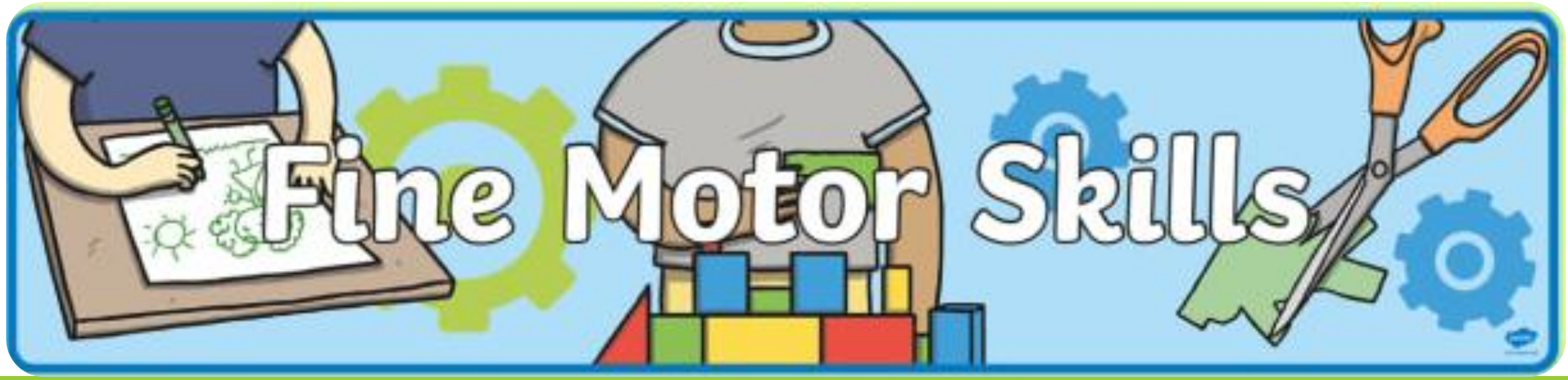
Speaking and Listening

Take it in turns to speak
Look at the person who is talking
Being polite

Would you like to play with me?

Please could I have a turn?

Gross Motor Skills


Fine Motor Skills

Friends
Forever
A Magical
Party
The
Missing
Cat
We Love Reading!

Spend time reading with your child.
Talk about the books you are reading.
Look at the pictures.

Ask open ended questions about the book
Instead of ‘Did you enjoy this book?’ ask ‘What did you like about the story?’

Act out parts of the story.
Predict what might happen

Maths
1 + 2 = 3

What do you notice?

Talk about what you can

Compare amounts, using words like more or less

Talk about sequences of events and routines

Make an obstacle course in the garden

Look for shapes and patterns!

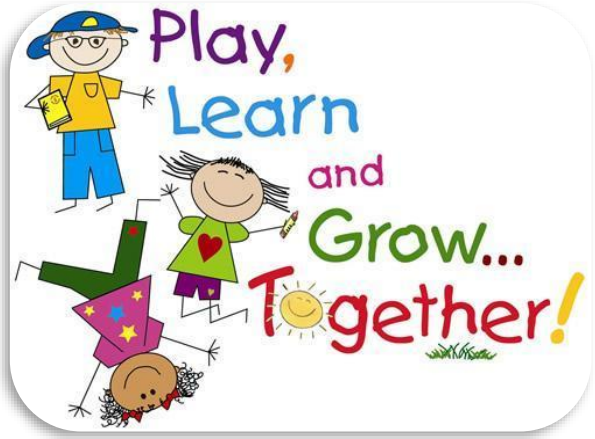
Welcome to Our
School

This is our classroom and the shared area

These are the lockers for our coats, lunchboxes

This is the EYFS and KS1 library

This is the playground



You are now entering the magical world of 4 and 5 year olds.

Prepare to open your mind and your imagination.

If our chairs are too small for you, remember they fit us just fine.

If you see games and toys, remember that it is through play that we learn.

If we are noisy, it is because we are learning how to interact with each other.

If we seem too talkative, remember that this is the way we learn our language.

If we come up and talk to you, don't be surprised because we are open, friendly and curious, and we want to know you as our friend.

Enjoy our world, and when you leave, we hope you carry with you some of our enthusiasm for loving and learning.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mrs Larner

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child into Year R.

Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Mrs Price and Mrs Larner