

Welcome to Valence Primary School



Bonham Road Site

Nursery



The Early Years toilets



We have two Reception classes,
Jet Class and Jasper Class



The Early Years corridor



Bonham Road Early Years Outdoor Area



St. George's Site

Nursery



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Early Years Curriculum

In Reception we follow the Statutory Framework for the Foundation stage.

There are 7 key areas of child development:

Personal, Social & Emotional development, Physical development, Communication & Language, Literacy, Maths, understanding the World and Expressive Art & Design.

The Children learn through a combination of child-led activities (choosing time) and adult led activities (maths, phonics, understanding the world, expressive arts & design).

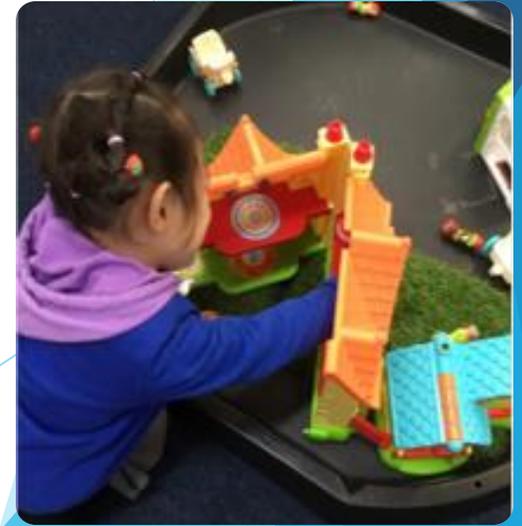
We use ClassDojo to record the children's learning journey.

We will also encourage families to join ClassDojo online to keep regular communication between school and home.



The First Week

- Getting to know the setting and our rules
- Getting to know the routines
- Learning about the behaviour chart
- Making friends and getting to know the staff
- Earning their first rewards



A Typical Day Will Include:

Register/day of the week/weather.

Adult-initiated activity (lesson input) – some whole class and some small groups.

Choosing time (child-led learning in the indoor and outdoor spaces).

Snack time for all.

Reception lunch – only water or milk are permitted, we provide both. All day nursery children bring a packed lunch.

No nuts or food containing nuts please.

Talk time – lots of this, we encourage frequent speaking and listening.

Story Time with lots of songs and rhymes.

We complete most of our activities in groups. This allows us to work more closely with each child and support their individual needs.

We also run individual interventions to support the children with their individual needs. This might include speech and language support, number support, name writing or any other areas that your children might be struggling with.



Self-Care, Behaviour and Awards

Each child has their own peg. Reception children also have a tray. Children will receive stickers throughout the year for 'WOW' moments, acts of kindness, trying their best etc.

Throughout the year we will introduce a wide range of prizes and awards. Reception children will also take part in their own Star of the Week assembly.

We follow a simplified version of the whole school behaviour system 'Going for Gold'.

There are also awards for good attendance (97%) and punctuality as both lead to successful learners.

Please see our Behaviour and Attendance Policies on this website.



Early Literacy

Phonics

Phase 1 Letters & Sounds in Nursery

Phase 1 continued then onto Storytime Phonics in reception

Pronunciation is the most important aspect of early reading and writing, this song demonstrated the correct way to pronounce the short sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPVbJ-laHlw>

For handwriting and forming letters we use Sassoon handwriting script. Most letters in writing are lower case, this will be our main focus, so it is Valence not VALENCE when writing names.

Early Literacy

We focus on three main concepts:

1. Recognising numbers
2. Fluent counting
3. Talking about maths and using vocabulary

We focus on mastering the key concepts in maths and ensure that the children are fluent in basic maths skill and can use several resources and methods to help them. We follow the Power Maths scheme throughout Valence Primary.



Before Starting School

Talk about school!

Encourage toileting, dressing and eating independently.

Encourage early reading through singing nursery rhymes, telling stories and looking at books.

Please contact us if you have any queries

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