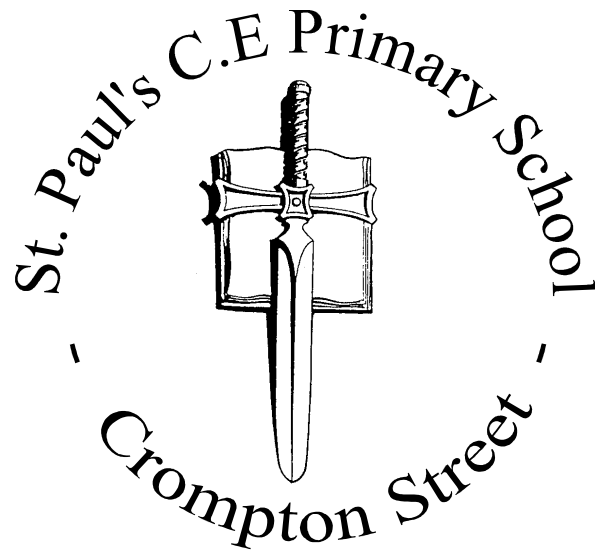


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Crompton Street, Walkden



My Year in Reception

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## Aims

I am moving on to the Reception class. The reception class is the second year of the foundation stage. In the foundation stage my teachers will help me to

- Be a happy, confident and independent learner
- To fulfil my potential
- Grow in self esteem
- Develop respect for others
- Interact with other - peers and adults
- Learn from first hand experiences
- Exercise choice, explore and experiment
- Use language increasingly to express feelings and ideas
- Develop physical skills, control and co-ordination
- Begin to take responsibility for my learning
- Develop my concentration span
- Enjoy learning

My teachers will help me to do this by providing an environment that is safe, secure and stimulating and where the adults are appropriately qualified and facilitate opportunities for me to be an active learner both in and out of doors.

## My teachers

Mrs Cusick is my class teacher.  
She has got short, yellow hair.  
She is pretty.  
She smiles a lot and makes me  
feel happy.

Miss Billington is my reception  
officer who will help me. She  
has long, brown hair. She  
is very kind and caring. She  
helps us with our reading or  
if I am stuck.

Mrs Penny is our welfare assistant. She helps me at lunchtime.

We will also have other helpers in the classroom, including  
parents and students. All my helpers will have been CRB  
checked.

## Starting Reception Class

During my time in the Nursery I will have had the chance to meet my new teachers and I will have visited my new classroom. This means that I will not be worried when I start.

In September I will start school either in the Nursery or the Reception class in a small group and by the end of the second week I will be in the Reception class full time.

## The School Day

My day starts at 8.50. Please bring me to the Reception class where I will sign in. You can stay with me for a short time to make sure that I have settled down and am happy.

Lunchtime is from 12.00 to 1.30. We will be having our lunch in the classroom so that we are eating together in a small family group.

I finish at 3.20. Please make sure that you are waiting outside the Reception class for me. My teachers will not let me go until you are there. If you are going to be late please let school know so that I am not worried and my teachers can take care of me.

## My Time in Reception Class

In the first term the Reception class will be very similar to the Nursery. I will be learning through play using both the indoor and outdoor environment.

In the spring term I will be making great progress and enjoying my time in the Reception class

In the summer term my learning will still be fun and enjoyable but I will be working more formally so that I am ready for my move into Y1. I will be more independent and, after the Whit half term, I will come into school by lining up like the children in Y1 and Y2. I will be using the hall for lunchtimes and will be using the big playground more.

## The Curriculum

Our learning will be through a wide range of activities, tasks, opportunities and first hand experiences which cover the 6 areas of learning. These are:-

1. Personal and social development
2. Language and literacy
3. Mathematics
4. Knowledge and understanding of the world
5. Physical development
6. Creative development

In addition we will have visitors, trips and themed weeks to enhance our learning.

My learning will take place through topics. My teachers will tell you what the topics are and how you can help me with my learning.

## Progress

My teachers will keep a record of my progress and achievements in the six areas of learning. This will be a continuation of the baseline profiles that I had in the Nursery. You will be invited to come and talk to my teacher about my progress and my profile book three times a year.

If you do have any worries about my learning, please talk to my teacher.

Various agencies work with the school and are available for advice e.g. speech therapists, the school nurse and the educational psychologist.

## Reception Snack

Milk or water will be provided for me. (Milk is free to children under 5 years of age). I can have either fluoridated milk or ordinary milk.

I have a mid morning snack of toast and an afternoon snack of fruit - apple, banana, orange etc.

## School Meals

School lunches are provided at a cost of £7.50 per week (£1.50 per day)

**Please send my dinner money in on Monday mornings, in an envelope with my name on and the amount of money inside written on the envelope.**

Alternatively I can bring a healthy packed lunch. Please do not give me sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks. Please put my name on my lunch box so that I do not lose it.

## Reception Fund

A contribution of £1 per week is asked to cover the costs of snacks, baking ingredients, orange juice, treats etc. Fund can be paid weekly or termly.

**Please send any contributions in a named envelope on Monday mornings.**

## Clothing

Please make sure that I come to school in school uniform.

### Boys

School sweatshirt or fleece

Plain white polo shirt

Grey shorts or trousers

### Girls

School sweat shirt or fleece

Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers

Plain white polo shirt

Summer uniform - red 'gingham' dress

School sweatshirt and fleece are available to buy from the school office.

For PE I will need a named pump bag (available from the school office), a red school T-shirt, black shorts and a pair of black pumps (Velcro ones are easier for me to fasten).

I will need a pair of wellies so that I can play outside in different kinds of weather.

**Please make sure that my name is on all my clothing.**

## Jewellery

**I am not allowed to wear any jewellery in school including earrings or studs. This is for health and safety reasons.**

## Reading

During the first half term I will not be taking home a formal reading book although I will be reading in school. My teachers will be working with me on letter sounds, word building and key words for reading. I will be taking home a story sack or a number sack on a weekly basis.

After the first half term, when I take a reading book home it is important that you read with me every day. Our reading books are based on the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme and help to develop an enjoyment of reading as well as learning the practical skills of reading. Please fill in my reading record book so that my teachers know how well I have been reading at home.

### Story sacks

This will contain a non-fiction book, a storybook, characters or items from the story and a reading based activity. Please read the books with me and do the activities.

### Number fun sack

This will contain a book related to numbers or a mathematical theme. In the book there will be activities that you can do with me. There will also be a set on number cards and a game for you to play with me.

## Please help me to get ready for the Reception class

You can help me settle and be more independent if I can manage certain things myself. For example:

Dressing and undressing

Using the toilet and washing my hands afterwards

Making me tidy up after myself

Helping me learn how to share and take turns

## Parental Involvement

My teachers want to work with you and me to make my time at school the best that it can be. Please come and talk to my teachers if you are worried or concerned about anything.

## School Holiday Schedule 2007/2008

School Restarts      Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

### Autumn Half Term

School Closes      Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

School Reopens      Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

### Christmas

School Closes      Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

School Reopens      Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008

### Spring Half Term

School Closes      Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

School Reopens      Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### Easter Weekend

School Closes      Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

School Reopens      Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Spring Holiday

School Closes      Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

School Reopens      Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### May Day

School will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

### Summer Half Term

School Closes      Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Reopens      Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### Summer

School Closes      Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July