

What happens when I come to school?



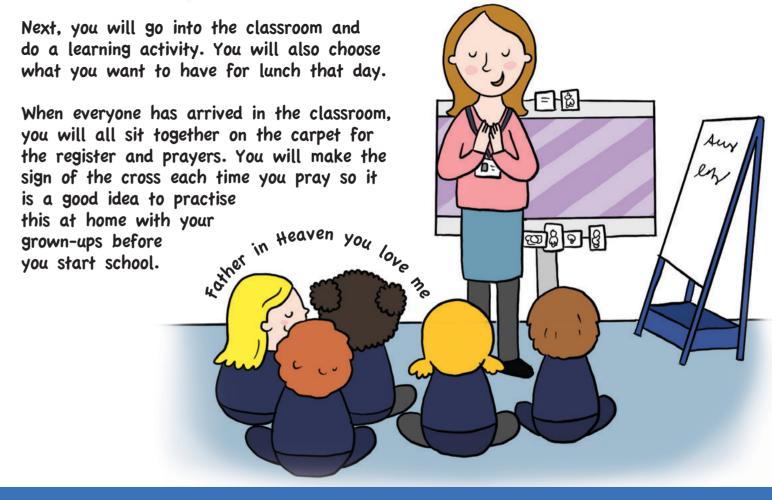
Your grown-ups will bring you to the gate by the Reception classroom, where you will be met by the friendly Reception staff.

You will put your bag in the box and then hang up your coat on the pegs in the cloakroom. Next, you will change out of your shoes and into your pumps.

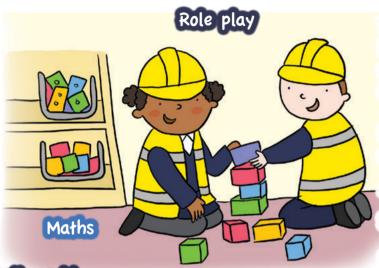
Imani and Oskar have arrived at school and are hanging up their coats.

"Hello Oskar," says Imani,
"I'm really looking forward
to school today!"

"Me too," says Oskar.



What will I do in school?



Small world

You will do lots of fun activities in your classroom and outdoors. Sometimes, you will all spend time together on the carpet learning things like phonics and maths. At other times, there will be choosing time in the different areas of the classroom. You will learn and make friends as you play.

Your teacher will give you a visual lanyard to show which area of the classroom you will be in for that choosing time.

Oskar and Imani are playing in the construction area.

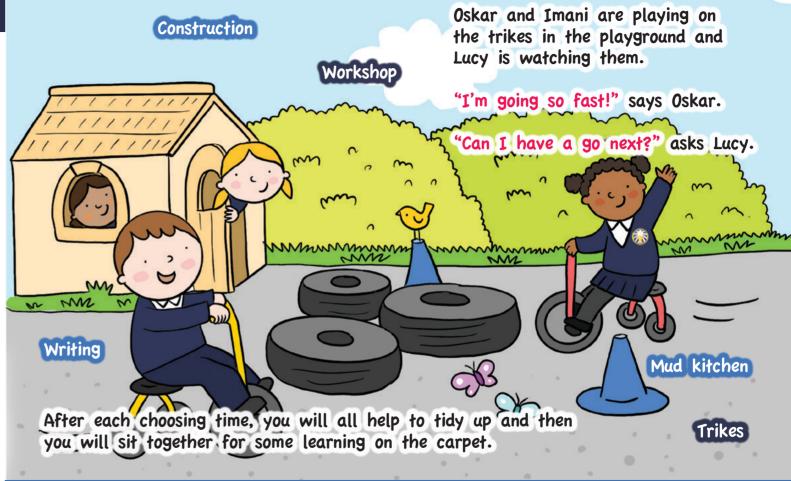
"Our tower is getting so tall!" says Imani.

"Let's see how tall we can make it before it falls over," says Oskar.

During the next choosing time, Oskar goes to look at some books in the reading area.



Reading area

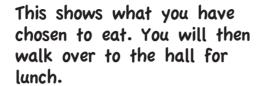


What games do you like playing with your friends?

What happens If I am hungry or thirsty?

You can use your water bottle whenever you are thirsty.

At lunchtime you will all sit together on the carpet to pray. Then you will wash your hands, change into your outdoor shoes and line up together, ready for your teacher to give you your coloured wristband.



If you are having a delicious, cooked school meal, you will line up to collect your tray before going to sit down with your friends.

We all use good table manners which means we use knives and forks and we are polite and kind. It is a good idea to have lots of practice using cutlery by yourself before you start school.



What is your favourite healthy snack?

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What happens when I need to go to the toilet?



The toilet area is in the corner of the classroom, and the toilets are very easy to use. You will go to the toilet by yourself so your grown-ups will make sure that you have lots of practice before you start school.

If you need to go to the toilet, you just need to put your hand up to ask your teacher.

Lucy is doing a drawing and needs to go to the toilet, so she puts up her hand.

"Please may I go to the toilet?" she asks. "Of course," says her teacher "Make sure you remember to wash your hands."

Lucy has been to the toilet and remembered to flush it. Now she is washing her hands carefully with soap and warm water.

"I am making sure I wash my hands really well, so I don't spread any germs," she says.

If you have an accident or need extra help, tell your teacher and they will help you. Your grown-ups will leave some spare clothes in school in case you need them.



What happens at the end of the school day?

When it is nearly home time, you and your friends will help your teacher tidy up and put everything away ready for the next day.

Then everyone sits on the carpet together to listen to a story. After story time, you will say a prayer. Then you will collect your coat and bag.





Are you excited about starting school?

