

Benjamin, Sophie and Maya are coming to Reception at Sinai Jewish Primary School



Big School, Big Heart, Big Opportunities

What happens when I come to school?

Your grown-ups or the adult who bring you to school will walk you to the Reception entrance, and you will line up outside. You will be greeted by friendly adults who will take you inside the classroom.

You will hang up your coat on your own special peg. You will then put your water bottle and any snacks from home into boxes.

Benjamin has hung up his coat on his coat peg in the corridor. "I feel very grown up, hanging up my coat," says Benjamin. "I'm very excited to be starting in Reception."

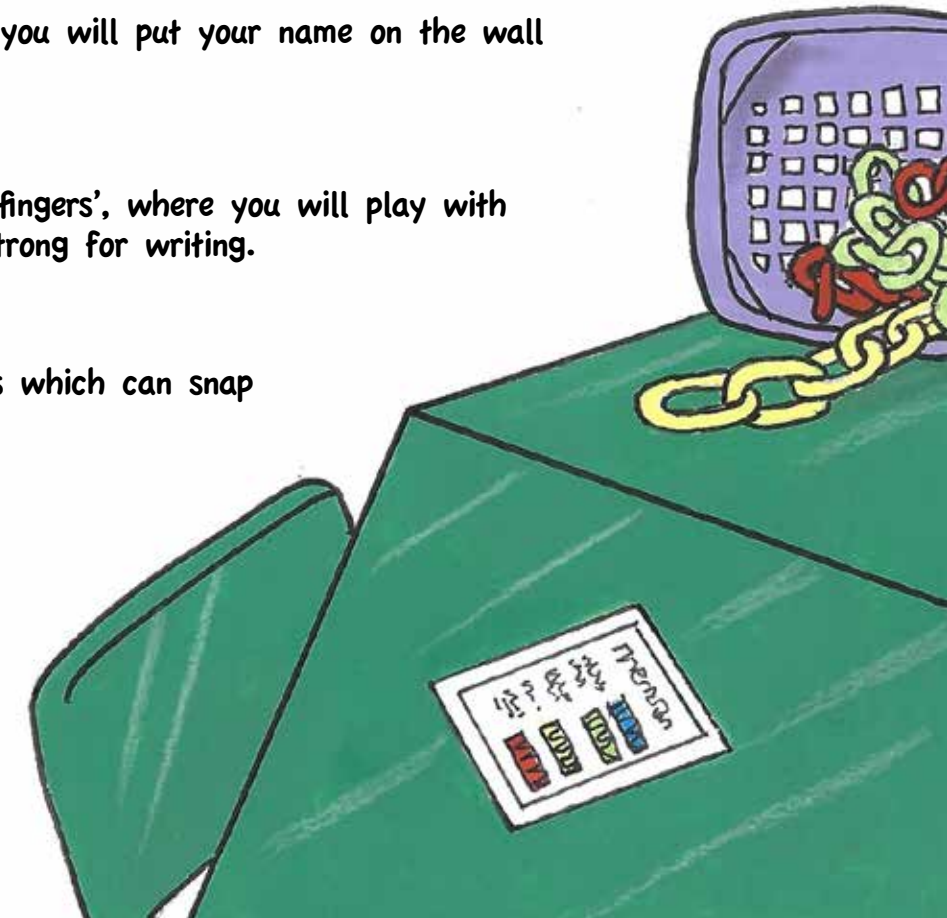


After you have hung up your coat, you will put your name on the wall to show you are in school.

You will then have fun doing 'flexi-fingers', where you will play with Play-Doh to help your fingers get strong for writing.

You will also play with plastic rings which can snap together to make long chains.

After all the children have arrived, you will come together on the carpet so your teacher can register you before you have morning tefillah.



Are you excited about starting in Reception, like Benjamin?

What will I do in Reception?

There are lots of fun, exciting things to do in Reception, both indoors and outdoors.

You will learn about Maths and Literacy and have Jewish Studies lessons.

In our outside learning area, you can go on a stage, enjoy messy play or build things.

Benjamin and Maya are learning about festivals in their Jewish Studies lesson.

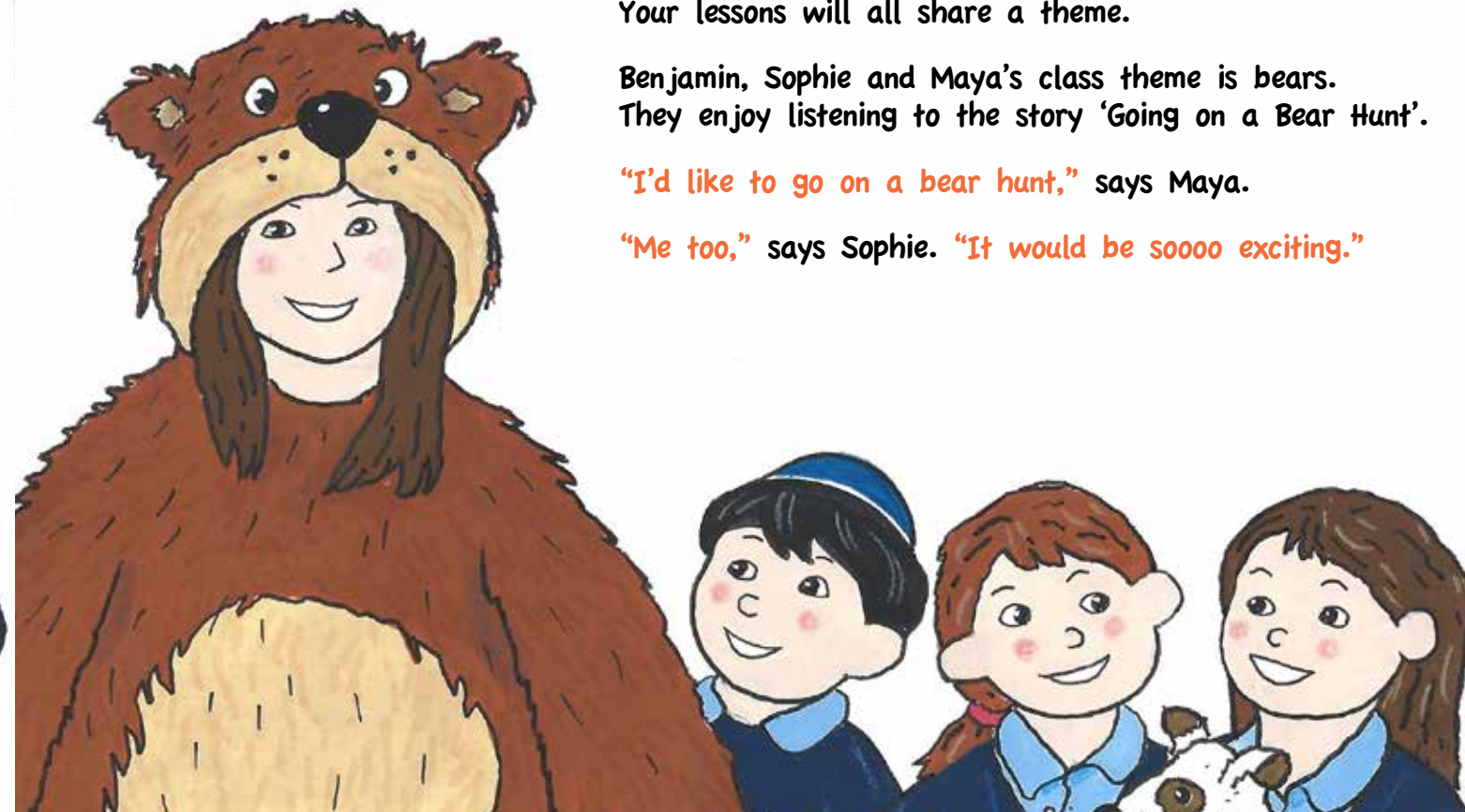


There are lots of things to learn at school. Your lessons will all share a theme.

Benjamin, Sophie and Maya's class theme is bears. They enjoy listening to the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

"I'd like to go on a bear hunt," says Maya.

"Me too," says Sophie. "It would be soooo exciting."



What are you looking forward to doing in Reception?

What if I'm hungry or thirsty?

If you are thirsty during the day, you can let an adult know and drink some water from your water bottle.

There is a snacktime in the morning and another one in the afternoon.

During morning snacktime, you can have a healthy fruit or vegetable snack from home and in the afternoon we will provide one for you. Before you eat, you will wash your hands.

Benjamin, Sophie and Maya are chatting together while they have their morning snack. They are very good friends.



Before you have lunch, you will wash your hands, line up and say the *brachas* on the bread.

After lunch you will go and play in the playground. Here you can play with hoops and balls, and on the climbing frame too.

In the lunch hall, adults will help you and give you lunch at your table. There are lots of different lunches to try and they are all very healthy and tasty.

Benjamin and Sophie are enjoying their lunch.

"I love potatoes," says Sophie, munching on her lunch.

You will use cutlery and be polite to everyone.



What is your favourite food?

What happens if I need to go to the toilet?

You can use the toilet any time you need to. If you are working with an adult, let them know you need the toilet.

You will use the toilet by yourself. If you have an accident or need help, don't worry. Tell an adult and they will help.

Maya goes to the toilet and remembers to flush. She then carefully washes her hands in the sink with soap and water and dries them.

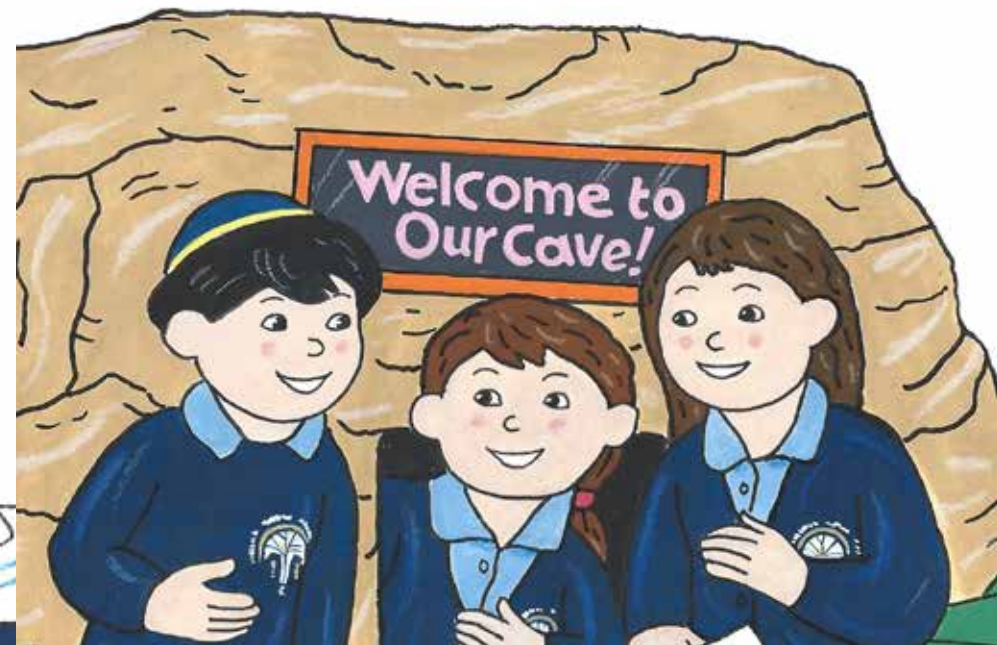
"I am glad that I practised going to the toilet by myself at home," says Maya.
"I can go all by myself at school now."



How will I make friends?

You will make friends as you play and learn with the other children in your class.

Benjamin, Sophie and Maya are playing in the Home Corner, which is set up as a bear's cave.



Maya has been writing about bears.

"I love bears," she says.

"So do I!" says Benjamin.
"Shall we play at being bears in the cave together?"

The children are enjoying finding out about the things that they like and are having fun getting to know each other.



What happens at the end of the school day?

At the end of the school day, you will help tidy up the books and things you have played with, ready for the next day.

"I enjoy tidying up," says Benjamin.

"Me too," says Sophie. "I like tidying up my bedroom too. It's lots of fun."

Once everything has been put away, you will collect your coat, bag and water bottle, then listen to a story.



Benjamin, Sophie and Maya love listening to a story at the end of the day.

"Can you read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', please?" they all ask.

"Yes, I will," says the teacher.

After the story, an adult will take you to meet your grown-ups or the chaperone for the coach will come to your class to meet you to go home. If you have a brother or sister at school, you can go to Sibling Club.



Are you looking forward to starting Reception?

Benjamin, Sophie and Maya
love being part of Sinai Jewish
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think you will too!

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