



Meet the teacher

September 2025

Mrs Thomas
Mrs Koutsouvelis

Key People in School

Mrs Ponsen: Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Evans: Deputy Head and DSL oversees our creative curriculum and pupil premium children

Mrs Ewing: School Business Manager

Miss Johnson: School Secretary

Mrs Stanley: Branching Out Manager

Help and where to go:

1. Always approach the class teacher in the first instance
2. Speak to the relevant senior leader that is attached to your child's phase in school

- Mrs Thomas:** Early Years Leader

- Mrs Evans** Year 1 and 2 Phase Leader

- Mrs Barrowcliffe:** Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader

- Mrs Doe:** Year 5 and 6 Phase Leader



Settling in to Reception

Baseline assessments

The first few weeks will be spent getting to know the children and completing our baseline observations. The children have been in continuous provision playing and getting to know the classroom routines and their classmates.





We have 6 golden rules that we follow in our classroom. We have introduced these through stories and reinforce them through our class reward system.

A day in Reception

- We teach the curriculum through short class carpet sessions throughout the day.
- Focus group activities are led by an adult, this will include indoor and outdoor learning.
- Independent activities are planned to reinforce learning.
- In continuous provision children explore learning further.



Prime areas of learning

Communication
and Language

Physical
Development

Personal, social
and emotional
development

Specific areas of learning

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and Design

Literacy

Maths



School dinners



Gymnastics

Wednesday gymnastics with Mrs Buchanan

Please practise independent dressing and undressing with your child and ensure that all uniform and kits are **clearly labelled.**



ICT in the computer suite



We will be practising and developing mouse and keyboard skills this term through fun activities on Purplemash.

Forest School



Every week we go into forest school to learn more about nature and the world we live in. Please ensure wellies and waterproofs are in school.



Home/school communication



Every family has access to Tapestry which is your online journal. We use this to share your child's learning with you. You will receive a weekly update via Tapestry to share what we have been learning during the week and the overview of the phonics.



We would like you to share your home learning with us on Tapestry. Please send in a Wow slip to let us know that there is one for us to share.



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GROW



We will be getting to know the *GROW* characters and their special qualities. These characters will reinforce our school values as we learn and play in the indoor and outdoor classrooms.

We will be giving out a weekly *GROW* certificates and the *GROW* book on a Friday to a child who we have seen demonstrating these qualities.



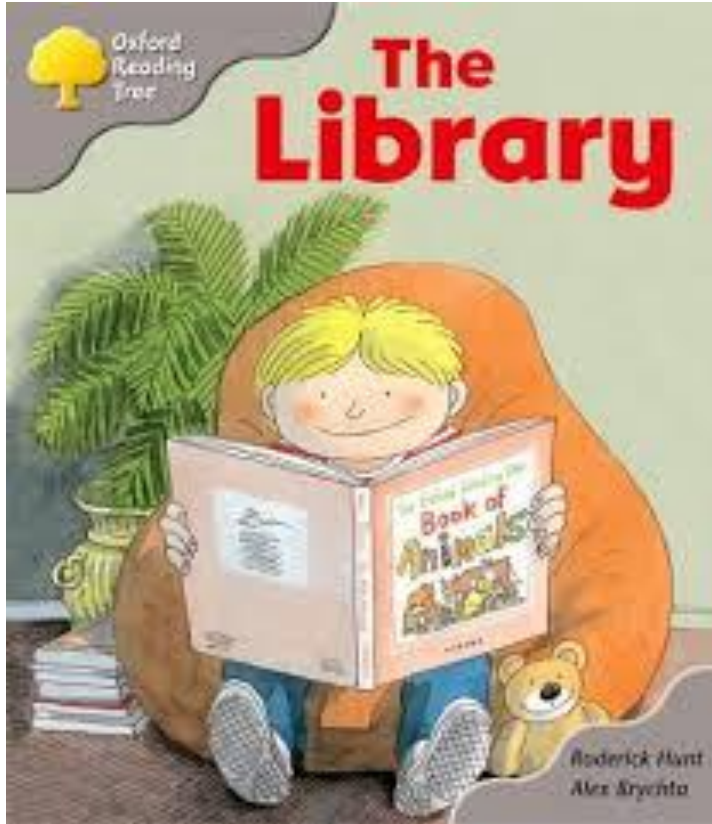


Library books



Your child will choose a library book every Thursday to bring home and share with their grown up each week. Please return these every Wednesday

Sharing books



Children will be given a reading **book every** Friday to **share** **with their grown up** at home. **Please return these every** Friday

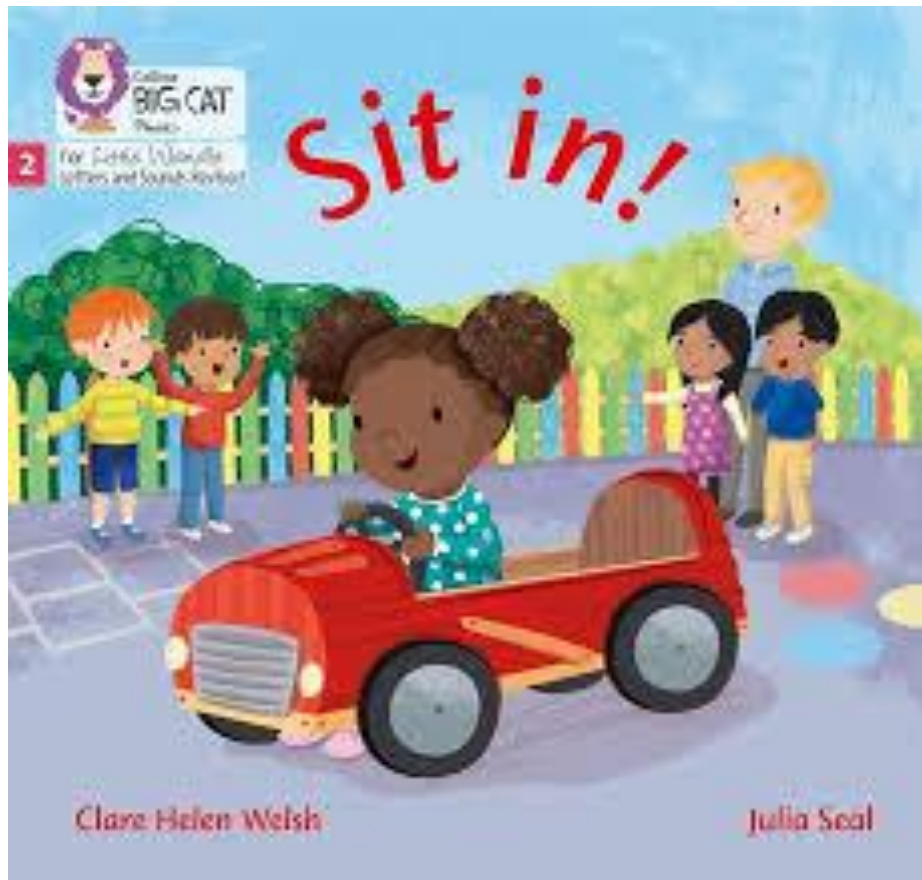
Little Wandle Phonics & reading meeting



Please join us for our phonics and reading workshop on Wednesday 8th October at 5pm.



Little Wandle reading



Superhero day



At the end of this half term on 24th October we will be having a superhero dress up day. Children will come to school dressed up as their favourite superhero or their own version. All learning will be linked to the superhero day that week.

Gardening

If there are any keen gardeners who would be willing to spare some time during the day to help us with our EYFS garden please let us know.





Next half term you will have opportunity to
come and join your child in the classroom.
Dates to be confirmed.

Support and Contact

Our priority for this half term is supporting your child in settling in at school. We want them to have a positive start and be happy to come in to school. If you need to contact us for any reason please feel free to do so.

admin@norrisbank.org.uk

Any queries regarding Parent Mail, Parent Pay, attendance or school dinners should be directed to the office.



1. **TELEPHONE** Our new school number is 0161 549 7550.
2. **EMAIL** Any emails to school should now be sent to: admin@norrisbank.org.uk. Please do not email members of staff directly as all email communications must now come through this email.
3. Correspondence with Mrs Burney, our SENDCO, is now : SEND@norrisbank.org.uk
4. **Dojo**. We will continue to use dojo to update you on your child's behaviour points and to share work with you via the class story. **However you will be unable to message us using this system.**
5. **My Children at School' APP** (MCAS) We will be rolling out the My Child at School (MCAS) App soon. My Child at School (MCAS) is an online portal. Details of when and how this change over will happen will be sent out soon.
6. **WEBSITE** <https://www.norrisbank.org.uk> The new website can be accessed on the above link and hopefully will be far easier to navigate. Important form can now be found on the website in year groups- year.....





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