



ST. JAMES' LANEHEAD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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All Special in God's Eyes



Welcome to Class R

As you know your child's class teacher is Mrs Towriess who is supported by Mrs Smithstone, Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Burnett. During the week when Mrs Towriess is completing vital planning and assessment work to prepare for the following week, Mrs Cassidy will be teaching the class.

Key Person

Your child has a named Key Person to help them to develop their confidence within the Early Years setting. The school day begins with an opportunity for each child to spend time with their Key Person and other children in the group. This allows them to discuss how they are feeling, share news and develop speaking and listening skills. Your child's Key Person is
At St James' we also meet together in our Key Person group at other times throughout the day, an example being mid-morning snack time.

Curriculum

Please look on our school website: www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk to view our curriculum map and see what we will be learning about each term. If you do not have access to the internet then please see a member of the team.

PE

In Class R the Reception children will have PE on a Monday morning. Please ensure that your PE bag is brought to school on Monday and kept in school. You will need an indoor kit consisting of blue or black shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps. Long hair must always be tied back and for safety reasons earrings must be removed for PE. Earrings should be a plain stud. As the children need to be able to remove earrings themselves, we ask that you remove the earrings at home for PE days.

Reading books

At St James' Lanehead, we love reading and want to encourage children to love reading too. The children are given the opportunity each week to select a free choice book from the library to take home and share with their family. We also complete two guided reading sessions a week. This is when a small group of children, reading at a similar level, read the same book with an adult. Children will be provided with a home reading book and a reading journal. We ask that you read with your child every day, even if it is a couple of pages! When you have read with your child, please write a short comment in their reading journal. Your son/daughter should bring their home reading book into school every day and place it in the reading boxes near the entrance to the classroom. We will check reading journals every day. Please write in the reading journal when the book has been completed and a new reading book will be sent home.

To begin with, the reading books will consist mainly of pictures which we would like you to discuss with your child and then use to help tell a story. Once the children begin reading books with words, in

Thankfulness - Trust - Honesty - Friendship - Love - Peace - Forgiveness - Respect - Courage

addition to reading the words in the book, it will support your child in their reading if you discuss the story, characters or the facts and ask questions about what you have read together. We encourage children to read a range of books so if you have books at home or you visit the library, please feel free to comment in your child's reading journal about what they have read.

Phonics

We carry out phonics sessions every day and sometimes children will be sent certain sounds, high frequency or tricky words home as part of their home learning. Please encourage your child to learn these and enjoy learning them, as phonics is a major part of reading in Early Years and Key Stage 1. There will be an information session for Parents/Carers when we will explain how we teach phonics and details of the time and date will be given shortly. Please also look on our school website for some links to phonics games.

Homework

Homework is sent on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday. For Reception children, homework will be given using the Home/School Communication Books and will be either literacy or numeracy based. Some weeks the homework may be a talking activity where we will ask you to think about certain topics and discuss these with your child. We may ask you to record their thoughts, comments and ideas in the Home/School Communication Book.

We hope that your child will really enjoy being in class R and if you need clarification about anything please do not hesitate to ask.

Information can be viewed on our school website at www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk. Please keep looking at our class page where our learning will be updated regularly.

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

Mrs Towriess
Class R Class Teacher
EYFS/KS1 Leader