



# Norris Bank Primary School

Meet the teacher  
September 2024

# 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

# Our Early Years Team



Mrs Thomas



Mrs Koutsouvelis



Mrs Stanley



Miss Leonard



Miss Agnew



Miss Little



Mrs Sheldon



Miss Richardson

# 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 and outdoor sports

**Wednesday** gymnastics with Mrs Buchanan

**Thursday** outdoor games with the sports coaches,

**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.





# 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.



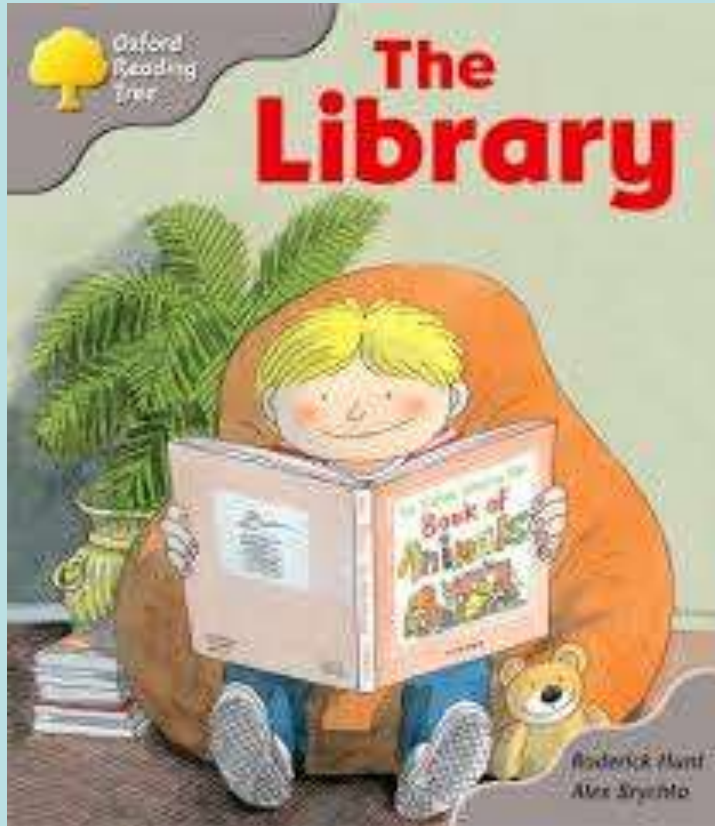


# Library books



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

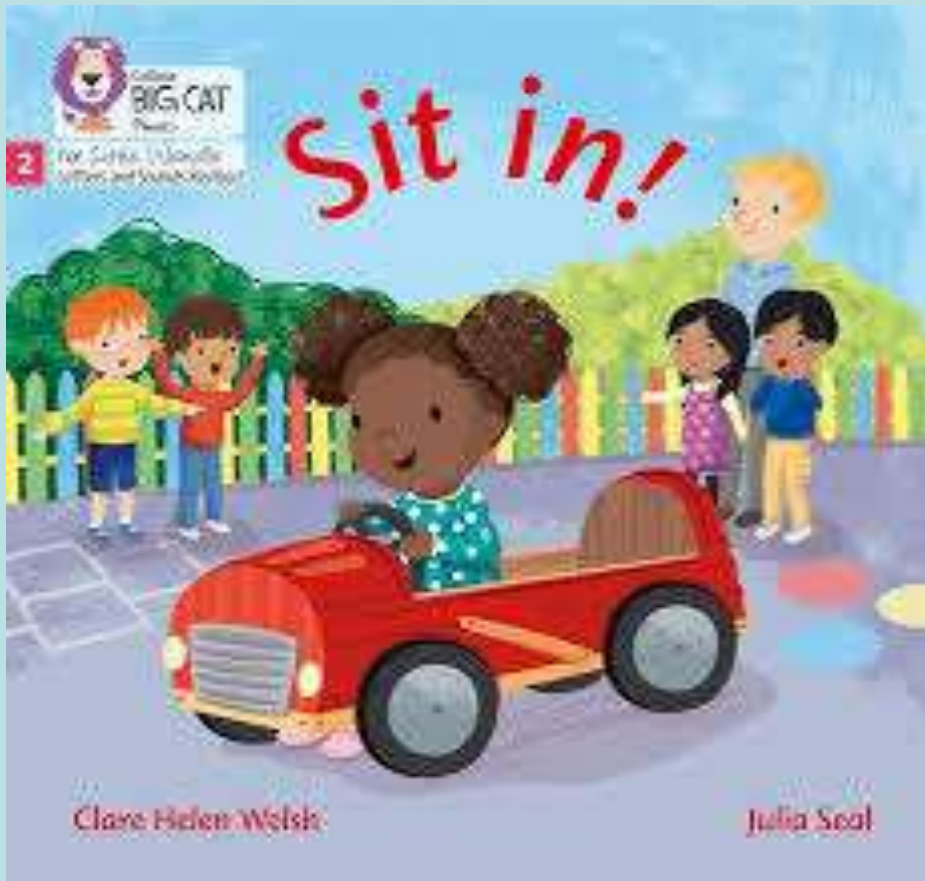
# Little Wandle Phonics & reading meeting



Please join us for our phonics and reading  
workshop on Monday 30th September at  
5pm.



# Little Wandle reading



# Superhero day



At the end of this half term on 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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[pamela.koutsouvelis@norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:pamela.koutsouvelis@norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk)

Any queries regarding Parent Mail and Parent Pay should be directed to the office, thank you.

This splodge is part of my lunch. I am trying so hard to use my knife and fork correctly when I eat.

# OMG !

Painting helps me develop my creativity. Sometimes I accidentally get paint on my shirt as I work.

# What have you been up to ?

This black mark was made with a pen. I am trying so hard to develop my writing skills and drawing skills.



Sometimes my uniform comes home a little wet. I learn huge amounts of science and maths when I play in the water tray.

This grass stain shows that I have been using the outdoors area to develop my physical skills.

Big movements like running and jumping help me to get better with small movements like writing.

The mud kitchen is very messy but it helps me to develop my imagination and use of descriptive language.