

Langstone Infant School



An A-Z book all about
Langstone Infant School!

We are really looking forward to you starting at our school and becoming part of our community. To help you we have put together this A-Z for you to share with your family.

We hope you find it useful.

Aa

As part of your introduction to Langstone Infant School there will be a sheet in your welcome pack for you to complete. It is titled 'All about me!' We would like you to fill this in to tell us lots of information about yourself. You can include drawings, writing and photographs. This helps us get to know you. You can give it to your class teacher on your first visit.

Achievement assembly

When your child completes a merit card you will be invited to an 'Achievement Assembly.' This is a special assembly to celebrate the hard work of our pupils.

Bb

Books and Book bags

When you buy a book bag please buy one that has a small handle, the ones with long shoulder straps are a little bigger and can be a trip hazard.

Please ensure your child has their book bag in school each and every day. It will be used to carry their reading record, reading books, library books and any letters that need to come home. Please look through your book bag each night and take out any work or letters. We will not send home new books without a book bag.

Behaviour

At Langstone Infant School we have 6 Golden Rules that we all follow. They can be found on our school website and link to our school Vision and values:

‘Be excellent everywhere:

Be kind, helpful, attentive, gentle, honest, respectful and hardworking.’

We are so proud of how well behaved our pupils are.

Birthdays

We love celebrating when it is your birthday. We are a healthy school and we don't give out sweets.

Instead we encourage you buy a book for your class reading corner. We will share the book with children and put a special sticker inside to say who the book is from.



Cc

Classrooms

A lot of schools allow parents to come into school with their children in the morning. This is not something we can accommodate at Langstone Infant School. Our classrooms become very small very quickly when you add 30 parents into them. It means that the children can get quite stressed and feel lost in an environment they should feel safe and confident in. We ask that in the morning you give your child a big hug and a kiss and let them come in independently.

Dd

Dressing up

In year R we love to dress up! We have dressing up costumes in our role-play areas and we can also choose it for our Golden Time treat. We also have special days where we dress up to either celebrate a topic or to raise money for charity. Please double check letters and parent mail. We don't always do what every other school is doing because we try to keep cost (and stress) of buying/getting costumes to a minimum.

Daddies

Daddies, mummies , grandparents and carers are all welcome to join our Reading Task Force to support reading in school. We also ask for volunteers for trips—especially our weekly jaunt to the local library.

Ee

Energy

Your child will need lots of energy when they start school. Making friends, playing games and learning is hard work. Make sure your child has a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast to set them up for the day.

Ff

Fruit

Every morning at playtime the children can choose to have a piece of fruit. The fruit is delivered to the school and is provided by a Government scheme.

Gg

Governors

This is a group of people who make lots of decisions about the school. You may get to know them when you visit the school throughout the year.

Hh



Headteacher

This is Miss Page, our headteacher. Miss Page is always around the school, welcoming you in the morning and saying goodbye at the end of the day. She loves you to visit her in her office to receive her special 'Headteacher Award'.

Home-school activities

Sometimes there are fun activities that we send home for your child to complete with a grown up. You will also have a zippy folder in your book bag to take home the letter sounds we learn each week, to practice and start to make words with. Try to practise these sounds daily, they will help your child to read and write more confidently.

Ii

Independence

When your child starts school we would like them to hang their own coat up, put their book bag, lunch box and water bottle away all by themselves. When they have PE they should also be able to change by themselves too. We are always there to help, especially with tricky things like tights and buttons. It would be a really good idea if your child practised getting dressed and undressed by themselves over the summer holiday.

Jj

Joining in

At Langstone Infant School everyone is encouraged to join in and do their best. This is one of our Golden Rules; 'We work hard, we don't waste time.' There is always someone there to help our children, we want them to know that we will support them in new or challenging experiences.

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Kk

Knowledge and Understanding of the World.

In the Reception year the children follow the Early Year curriculum, 'Development Matters'. When they move to year 1 they move to the 'National Curriculum'. Part of the Early Years Curriculum is a section called 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World'. In this area of learning the children will explore different environments, find out about living things, enjoy constructing and creating, use ICT and ask lots of questions.



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Library

At school your child will be able to borrow books from two libraries; our school library and the local library, Lacey Library. Please ensure library books live in book bags, this ensures they don't get mixed up in a child's own book collection and also ensures that children always have them to exchange for new ones when needed.

Lunchtimes

A very important part of the day! The government offers free school meals for all children in year R-2. There are three options to choose from each day and the menu can be found on our school website. If you and your child decide to have packed lunches please ensure they do not contain any nut products or fizzy drinks. It is also a good idea to check that your child can open packets and containers. There is always an adult to help but we have found it does help a child feel more confident during a busy part of the day.



Literacy

This is a part of the curriculum where children learn to speak and listen carefully and also learn the letters and sounds needed to read and write. We do this through lots of different activities like singing, role-play and games. Reading books and practising sounds and key words at home are essential part of this learning.

Mm

Mrs Bartlett, Miss Beckwith and Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Bartlett, Miss Beckwith and Mrs Mitchell are the class teachers in year R. We also have a fulltime teaching assistant in each class.



Milk

Children that are 4 years old get free milk. We do not force the children to drink it but they can have it if they choose to. Once your child becomes 5 years old you will need to decide if you want them to have it, if you do there is an online form to complete. You will need to pay online.

Mathematics

During their time in school maths becomes more abstract. We support children in maths by having fun together; singing, counting, playing, comparing and matching. We will ask you to practise things at home from time to time, but the most important thing you can do is make sure you never tell your child that you are 'bad' at maths.

Nn

Names

When your child starts school it is important that they can recognise their own name, even better if they can write it! They should only have a capital at the start of their name and the rest should be lower case.

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery Rhymes are great way to develop vocabulary and language. They can also be used to teach maths and English. YouTube have lots of great Nursery Rhymes that you and your child can sing along to. Songs such as '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed' act as a fantastic introduction to subtraction.

Oo

Outside

We have an amazing outside area that is dedicated just for our year R children. We use it everyday and use it for enhancing our learning experiences. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in school so they can access this area if they want. They should have wellington boots and waterproof clothing in a bag on their peg.

Pp

Physical development

This is another element of our curriculum. We have PE in the hall every week and use the outdoor environment for lots of gross motor activities. We have climbing frames and bikes. In the term when you are five, the school nurse will see you to make sure your eyes and ears are working well.

Play

In year R we look like we are playing all the time. Actually, we are learning through play. We learn a lot through exploring, experimenting and discussing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This is a really important area of learning, especially when children first start school. They will learn about playing together, sharing, taking turns and being kind. They will learn that not everyone is the same and that you should treat everyone with respect. They will learn about right and wrong and the consequences and rewards of their actions. They will be encouraged to say what they are feeling and to share ideas. Although many children have experience of these things before they start school, these skills need to be applied in a different way at school.

Parent Mail

Please make sure you sign up to Parent Mail. It is great online system of staying in touch. We can communicate with you through email and text. It means you always have school letters saved on your phone!

Qq

Quiet times

There will be times in the day when we expect children to be quiet, listen and focus. When adults or other children are talking we learn to apply another of our Golden Rules 'We listen, we don't interrupt.'

Rr

Reading

Reading is such an important skill to have and the children will read everyday in school, in lots of different ways. The children will look at pictures and learn how to tell stories from them. They will learn how to get clues from the pictures to help them read new words. They will learn skills such as sounding out and blending words together. They will play games and complete activities to help them learn key words and tricky words. Practising at home is very important and will make a big difference to them.

Ss

Star of the Day

Each day we choose someone who has been amazing to be the Star of the Day! Children get chosen for having lovely manners, for being kind and helpful, for trying hard in learning.



Stickers

We love to give out stickers to children who behave really well or work really hard.

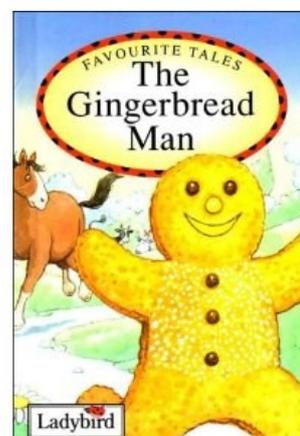
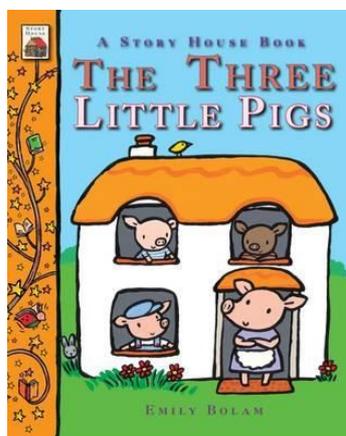
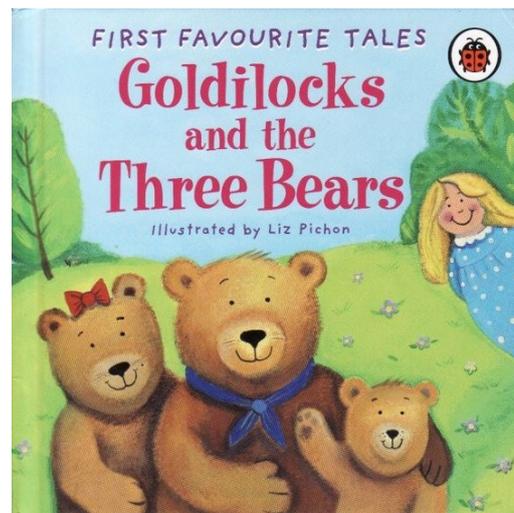
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Talking

Talking is an important skill. It is really important that your child can make their needs known when they start school. They should be able to say 'please may I go to the toilet?' or 'please may I have a drink?'. When sharing a classroom with 29 other children it is important that children speak in full sentences when communicating their needs.

Traditional Tales

Traditional tales are stories we are all familiar with. They are great books to discuss with your child. They help them to identify features of the stories because a lot of them have similar features. Traditional tales have good characters, bad characters, they start with 'Once upon a time' and end with 'They all lived happily ever after'. They often see good overcome bad. The more of these stories your child knows the better. Titles such as 'The Gingerbread man', 'The three little pigs,' 'Goldilocks and the three bears,' etc.



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Uniform

At Langstone Infant School all pupils are expected to wear our uniform. Please ensure that your child's name is in every item of clothing that comes into school (including PE shoes). Sewn in or iron on labels are best because they don't fade but a sharpie is just as effective if you make sure you rewrite the names when they fade.

The uniform is:

Bottle green jumper or cardigan.

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt or dress.

White polo shirt.

Grey tights.

Black shoes (preferably Velcro to support independence).

Green and white summer dress (in summer only).

The PE kit is:

A draw string bag with their name clearly on the outside.

Black shorts

White T-shirt

A tracksuit (jumper and trousers)

Trainers or plimsolls

Vv

Visits and visitors

During the year we will have trips to a variety of places and also have visitors come to us. These visits and visitors support of topic theme and bring the learning to life. We will need help on these visits so please let us know if you are available. Sometimes we will ask you to bring in some money and a form to give permission for your child to go on the trips. It is vitally important that these come back to school.

Ww

Writing

Writing is a very important skill and goes on everyday in school. All writing that the children do is celebrated and can look very different from child to child. All children are encouraged to have a go at writing. This will begin with mark making. As children learn sounds and letter shapes they will also be taught how to form the letter correctly and will have weekly handwriting practise.



WOW

In each classroom we have a display where we celebrate the learning that takes place at home. We will give you 'WOW cards' that we ask you to fill in when your child does something impressive at home. Children can be very different characters at school and at home so it is a great way for us to see how your child is learning at home.

Website

Our school website is the place to find out what you need to know. It has curriculum information, news, who is who, school policies, SEND information, the list goes on. What we love most about our website is that it gives families a true sense of what it is like to be a learner at Langstone Infant School.

<https://langstoneinfants.co.uk/>

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X is a letter in the alphabet. At Langstone Infant School our children have daily phonic lessons. In these lessons the children learn the sounds the letters make. We will also have a parent workshop to help you understand how we teach phonics at our school.

Yy

Young

Although year R children are the youngest in our school our year R children are an important part of our school. The children come to whole school assemblies, are part of whole school Golden time and are involved in any special events. We recognise that Year R is the last year of the early years curriculum but it is also the first year of formal schooling.

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Being at school can be very tiring. There is so much to do and learn. The children are learning to share and negotiate with lots of new people.

Getting enough sleep is very important to keeping healthy and alert. Please make sure that your child is getting enough sleep and are ready for their day at school. A bedtime story is a really important part of your child's day and is great for developing vocabulary and calming them down for a good nights sleep. If your child struggles to sleep please let us know so we can put you in touch with our amazing school nurse.