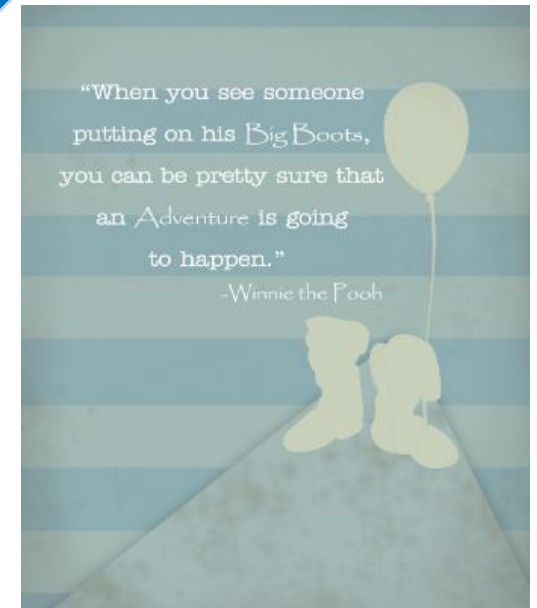




Life is about
change, sometimes
it's painful, sometimes
it's beautiful, but
most of the time
it's both.



Meet the Teacher!

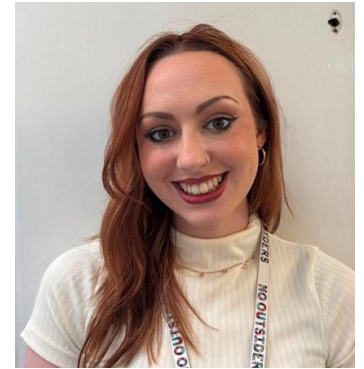




Mrs Brown



Miss Radcliffe



Miss Bywater

Discovery Staff

Other staff who help me!



Miss Hindle



Mrs Patel



Colin



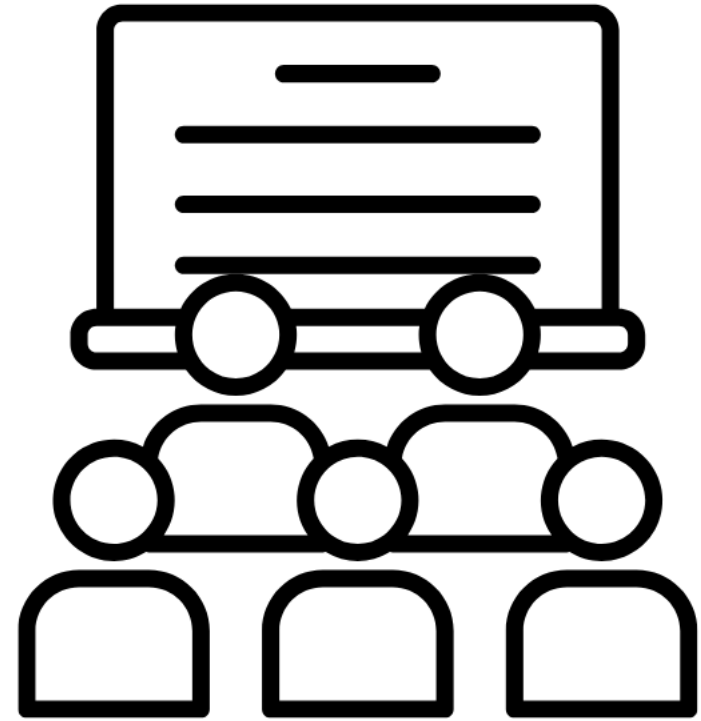
A bit about me!

- Teacher for 11 years – At Hoole for 8 years
- Lead Teacher and leading EYFS and KS1 at Hoole St Michael CE.
- Vast experience EYFS and KS1.
- Believe that White Chocolate Toblerone is better Milk Chocolate Toblerone.
- I am a Mummy too!

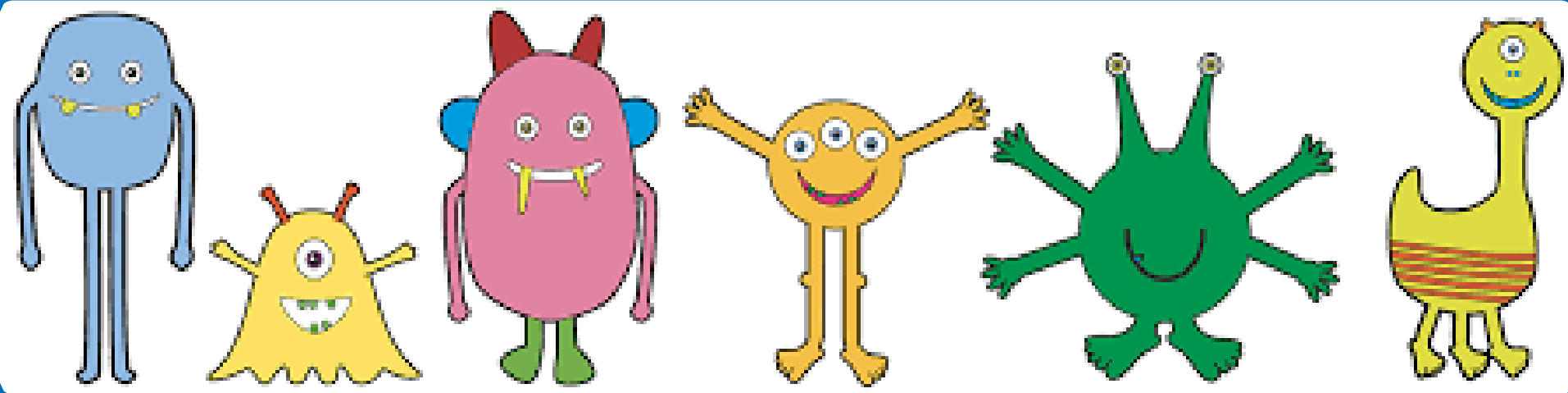
EYFS Curriculum

7 areas of learning

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



**Early
Learning
Goals**



Phonics

- Honeybees will explore phase 2 - listening and linking sounds
- Reception will begin to read using phonics - Phase 3.
- Reception will also begin to learn tricky words.

he	she	we	be
me	was	my	you
they	her	all	are



School Readiness. What is it?

There are lots of different skills your child needs to practise before they begin school.

Practising at home will help your child move into school life with greater confidence.



Growing and Independence

Taking care of themselves

- Putting on/taking off their coat and shoes
- Using the toilet and washing their hands
- Getting dressed with little help, e.g. after using the toilet or doing PE
- Using cutlery (e.g. fork and spoon, chopsticks) and drinking from an open cup
- Spending time away from you, learning they can be looked after by caring adults





Growing and Independence

Play, creativity and curiosity

- Taking part in imaginative play (e.g. role play)
- Drawing, painting, colouring and sticking
- Counting, building and doing puzzles
- Sharing story books with caregivers, looking at pictures and talking about the characters
- Exploring the world around them (e.g. looking closely at the natural world, noticing numbers, patterns and shapes, playing safely with objects at home)



Building Relationships and Communicating

Being with others

- Practising sharing and taking turns with toys
- Talking to them about how they are feeling and why
- Looking at story books together and speaking about what characters are feeling is a good way to do this
- Beginning to recognise what others are feeling, e.g. understanding if a friend is sad
- Encouraging them to set boundaries for themselves and others (e.g. knowing how to say 'no')



Building Relationships and Communicating

Communication and language

- Singing along with songs and nursery rhymes
- Talking happily to others about activities, experiences and the world around them
- Showing they need help by speaking clearly (in basic English or sign language)
- Recognising the pattern of their name (so they can find it on their coat peg or jacket)



Building Relationships and Communicating

Listening and engaging

- Paying attention for short periods of time
- Listening to and following simple instructions
- Carrying on with a task even when it's difficult and bouncing back if things go wrong



Physical Development

Getting moving for at least three hours a day

- Walking up and down steps (one foot at a time, using the wall for support)
- Climbing, running, jumping and playing
- Catching a large ball (most of the time)
- Doing simple puzzles and craft activities, strengthening their grip with cutting and sticking

Healthy Routines

- Going to bed around the same time each night, waking up in time to get ready for school
- Limiting screen time to the recommended daily amounts (see advice)
- Eating a healthy diet and trying new foods
- Brushing their teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day (you'll need to supervise this until they are at least 7)



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Starting school is an exciting milestone – for your child and for you. Find out how everyday moments at home can help your child feel confident and prepared, whatever stage they're at.

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Where can I find support if I want it?

- Speak to school
- Family Hubs
- GP
- Online



- <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/preparing-for-school/>
- <https://startingreception.co.uk/>
- <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

The School Day

- 8.45am - Children are welcomed by staff at our gate.
- Our school day is very busy! We carry out a mixed range of activities
- Your child may come home and say that they have played all day! Learning through play is vital to help children develop and learn. We guarantee that we structure the day to meet the needs of all children.
- Children will be tired at the end of the day as we work and play all day! A good night's sleep will prepare them for the next day.



Uniform

Honeybees :

- Own bottoms that your child can pull up/down easily
- Yellow honeybee t-shirt and pale blue honeybee jumper.
- Easily put on shoes e.g. Velcro or zip fastenings.

SPARE CLOTHING LABELLED
CLEARLY IN A CARRIER BAG
TO BE KEPT IN SCHOOL IN
LOCKER : Underwear, socks,
bottoms!



Uniform

Our school Uniform:

- White polo shirt with or without the school logo.
- White Shirt Tie will be provided by school when your child is in year six.
- Navy knitted jumper or navy cardigan with school logo (PE jackets must not be worn)
- Blue tartan skirt/pinafore or black trousers
- Blue gingham dress during the summer term and first half of the autumn term
- Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn with school uniform)

SPARE CLOTHING IN A CARRIER BAG TO
BE KEPT IN SCHOOL IN LOCKER :
Underwear and socks! Just in case 😊





Uniform

P.E:

- Navy T shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts/jogging pants/leggings
- Navy Zipped Top with school logo
- Black plimsolls/Dark trainers



Uniform for Forest School

- Wellies
- Puddle suit/Old coat
- Full length trousers
- PE T-shirt
- PE zip up hoody
- Extra layers/Hat/Gloves (Weather dependant)
- SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES



Makaton!

In EYFS, KS1 and across school we will be using Makaton. Makaton is a communication bridge and it is a fantastic life skill for all children to know and be able to use.



Makaton



Makaton



Hello



Yes



CBeebies



What do I bring?

- Spares – Trousers/skirt, underpants/knickers, socks/tights.
- Water bottle
- Healthy snack (Fruit) if they are not having toast.
- We encourage all our children to eat our school dinners cooked fresh on site. Please speak to a member of the team if you will not require a school dinner.

Cool Milk

All children in Nursery and Reception are entitled to free milk.

Please speak to Mrs Malcom-Gregson to ensure your child has signed up and for further details.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD

PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S MILK

MANAGE YOUR DETAILS

Parents

DID YOU KNOW?

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

- ✓ FREE for children under the age of five
- ✓ FREE to children receiving or entitled to statutory free school meals*
- ✓ Subsidised for all other children in primary education



Toast / Snack

- Toast at morning break costs 20p per day. Please pay for the half term ahead via Parentpay
- Alternatively, your child may bring a piece of fruit or have a piece of fruit from our fruit trolley.
- If sending in grapes then these **MUST** be cut in half lengthways to avoid a choking hazard

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL!





School Dinners

Honeybee dinners cost £3.00

Reception dinners : In Reception and KS1 your child is entitled to free school meals. Freshly prepared on site, allergies considered, rotating menu.

Packed Lunches : If you wish to send your child in with a packed lunch, we ask that you do NOT send any sweets and try to keep the lunch as healthy as possible.





Friends of Hoole St Michael



Parents as Partners

- Throughout the year there are opportunities to come into school and see what your child has been learning.
- These include 'book and a brew', phonics workshops and WOW morning/afternoons.
- We DOJO daily. Our school website and our whole school weekly newsletter keep parents up to date.



Dates for the diary

Stay and Play - With parents:
Mon 6th July 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Teddy Bears Picnic:
Weds 8th July 12.30pm-2pm

Story and Rhyme time - With parents:
Weds 8th July 2pm - 2.30pm

Forest School Session:
Thurs 9th July 1.30pm - 3.20pm





September

School opens on Wednesday 2nd September at 8:45am

On Friday 4th September you have the option of a half day. Pick up at 1pm.

Please use our website to check on holiday dates.

“When you see someone
putting on his Big Boots,
you can be pretty sure that
an Adventure is going
to happen.”

-Winnie the Pooh



A Final Thought

Starting school is like buying a new pair of shoes. You're excited to wear them, show them off, see how they fit. However, some days they rub, pinch, or make your feet ache. You might scuff them when you're running or one day your friend has shinier shoes than you.

Even though all this happens, you love your new shoes. Some days, your friends are impressed by how fast you can run in your shoes, and you love to show off your blisters like they are war wounds.

Starting school is like buying new shoes. Some days are trickier than others, but you are so glad you bought them, and you will walk a mighty, long way in them!