



SHINE BRIGHT ★ REACH FOR THE STARS

# Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage

# Buddies

Buddies are an important part of our induction process and throughout the whole reception year. Each child will be given a buddy during their first few weeks at school.



and, two of our fabulous Year 6 pupils.





# Early Years team...



Mrs Crowley  
class teacher



Miss Noonan  
class TA



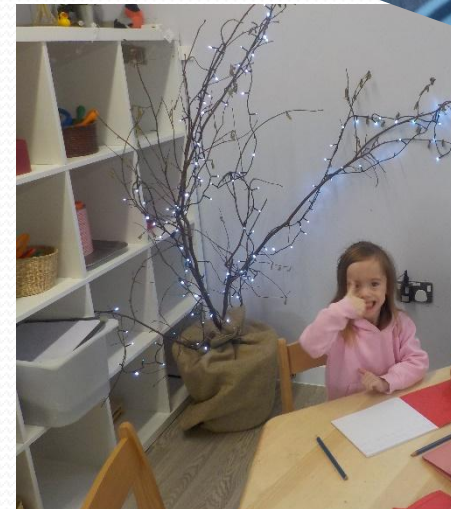
Mr Jackson  
class TA



Ms Watson  
class TA



# Our fabulous natural learning environment and provision.









# What will your child need?

All information can be found on our website. Click on the **Parents/Carers** tab then **school uniform**. Uniform can be ordered at **[yourschooluniform.com](https://yourschooluniform.com)**



There is no need to order a book bag.

# What should my child be able to do before they start school?

- ★ Use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- ★ Recognise their name and their belongings.
- ★ Use a knife and fork to cut and eat their lunch.
- ★ Put on and take off their coat.
- ★ Share and take turns when playing.
- ★ **To help boost early reading and literacy skills, regularly reading stories to your child is vital and we would encourage you to do this as often as possible.**
- ★ **For more detailed information about preparing your child for school please see the Starting Reception information on our website -**  
**<http://www.akps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Starting-Reception-1.pdf>**






Any Questions?

What will my child learn whilst they are in the reception class?

# Our Start to Shine Curriculum

a bespoke curriculum based upon 7 areas of learning. (3 prime areas and 4 specific areas)

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- ★ Personal, Social and emotional development
  - ★ Communication and Language
  - ★ Physical Development

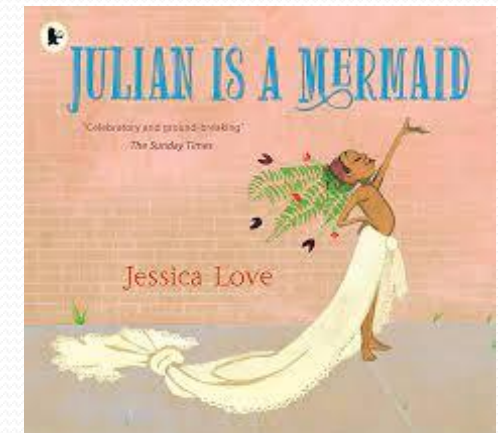
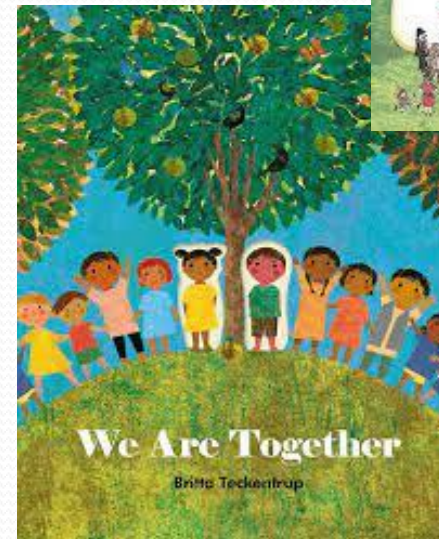
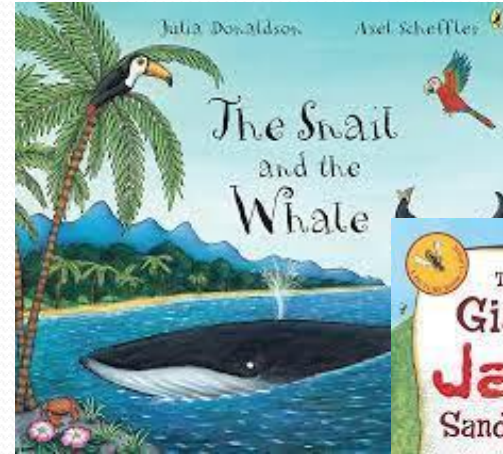
- ★ Literacy
  - ★ Mathematics
  - ★ Understanding the World
  - ★ Expressive Arts and design
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★ Our learning is based upon termly topics, for example:

- ★ Marvellous Me
- ★ Autumn Treasures
- ★ Festivals of Night and Light
- ★ Winter Wonderland
- ★ Eggstravaganza!
- ★ Once upon a time...
- ★ Amazing Animals
- ★ Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside

★ Each topic will be based upon key books.



# During each topic there will be a range of Shine experiences. Here are some examples:

- ★ Christmas Show
- ★ Hatching eggs
- ★ Bedtime stories with teddies and in our pjs
- ★ Chinese New Year Feast
- ★ Holi (Festival of colour) celebrations
- ★ Farm visit
- ★ Pirate and Mermaid Day







SEESAW



- Seesaw is a home learning platform that we use to communicate with parents and as a record of each child's learning.
- In order to comply with GDPR an initial consent letter will be sent out to you in September. You only need reply if you DO NOT consent.
- Getting started is a really simple process; instructions on how to do this will be given to you during your home visit.
- Doodle is a super home learning maths resource we also use. This will be introduced mid way through the year.



Any Questions?



# A day in the life of a reception child at AK.









**Edie and Miles stripping willow to make sticks for a 'campfire'**



**Very focused creating road system together, great collaboration.**





















# PE







<https://coolmilk.com/>



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



<https://www.mightyoaksclubs.com/>



Parent pay


# Induction dates

Dates	Sessions
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Group A 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Group B 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Group B 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Group A 3.45pm – 4.30pm



# From September...

<b>Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd September</b>  <b>Phone calls in July to inform parents of timings.</b>	<b>Home visits with Mrs Crowley and Miss Noonan. These will last approximately 15 minutes.</b> <b>Monday – Cricklade, Leigh, Ashton Keynes</b> <b>Tuesday – Minety, Siddington, Somerford Keynes, South Cerney</b> <b>Wednesday – South Cerney</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>HALF DAY</b>	Group A Morning with lunch visit, half the class only: 9.00am – 1.00pm
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>HALF DAY</b>	Group B - Morning with lunch visit: 9.00am – 1.00pm
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>HALF DAYS</b>	Morning with lunch visit, whole class 9.00am – 1.00pm, (separate and quieter start to the rest of the school)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September onwards</b> <b>FULL DAYS</b>	Start full time: 9.00am – 3.15pm (separate and quieter start time to the rest of the school )
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Full time: 8.55am – 3.15pm (in line with the rest of the school)

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- All forms to be returned to us today or to the office when your child comes for their induction visits.
  - If your child has any allergies please take a form and return it to us when you are next in school.





Any Questions?

★ This powerpoint will shortly be accessed from our school website. [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk)





Thank you for your time.  
We cannot WAIT to welcome you to the  
school.



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