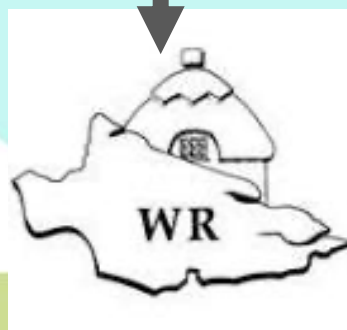


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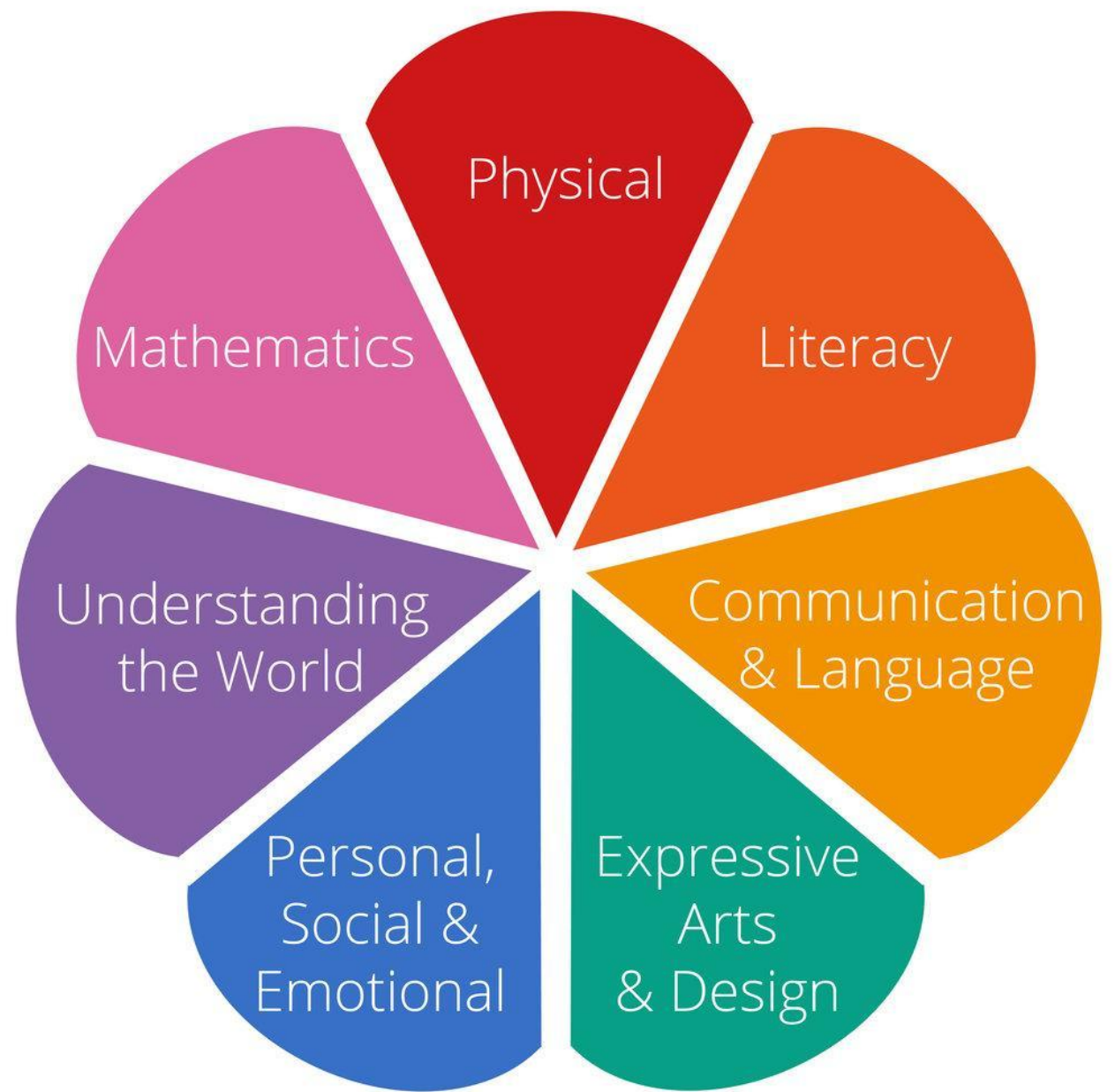


EYFS

Nursery to Reception

- Reception is the next developmental stage of learning following on from Nursery.
- We continue to focus on all 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum.
- Greater emphasis is given to Literacy and Maths as we follow the guidance, 'Bold Beginnings'.
- There is great emphasis on learning through play and exploration both inside and outside the classroom.
- In Reception, we encourage children to develop their independence through the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'.

**The EYFS areas
of learning are:**



These show different ways of learning and are used to promote growth mindset.



Characteristics of Effective Learning

These are the ways that we like to learn.

Exploring Elephant



I am an explorer.

Go For it Gorilla



I will have a go.

Proud Peacock



I am proud of what I do.

Concentrating Crocodile



I join in and concentrate.

Creative Chameleon



I have my own ideas.

I know Rhino



I play with what I know.

Choosing Chimp



I chose ways to do things.

Slinky Linky Snake

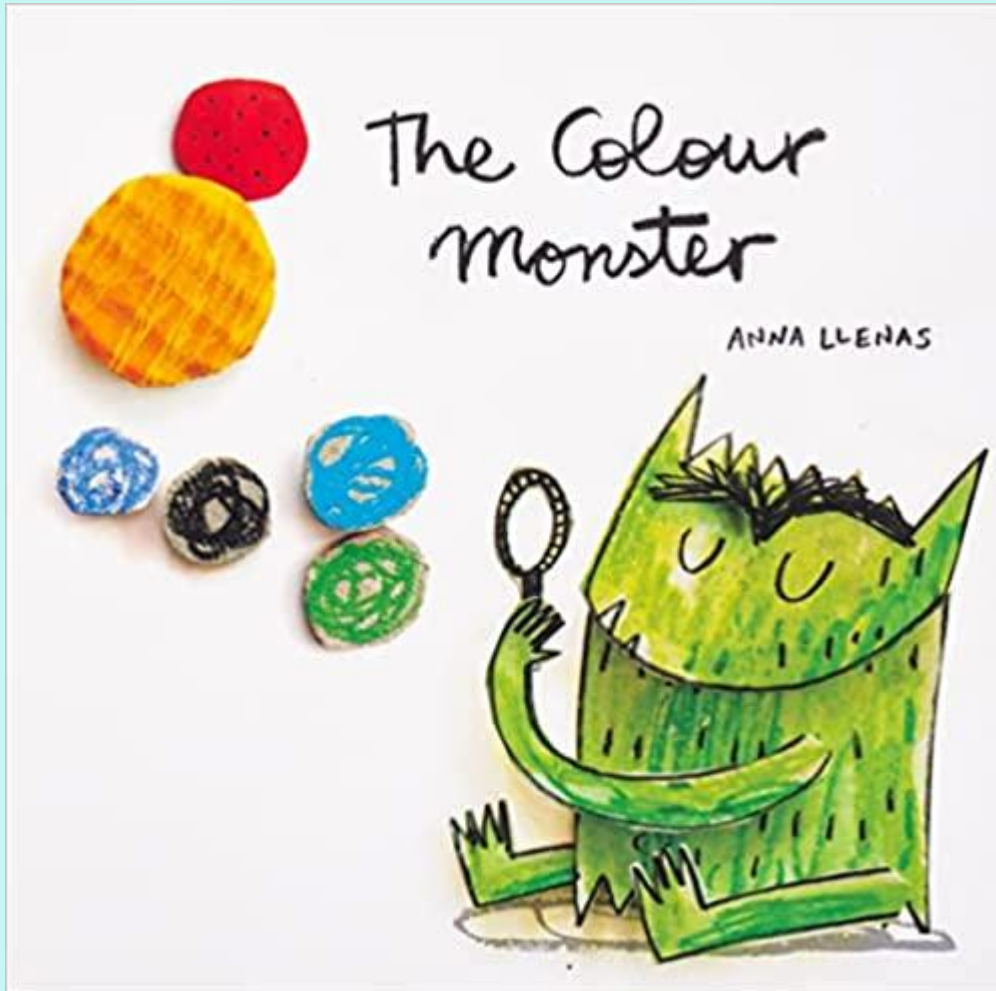


I can make links.

Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.



Wellbeing and the Colour monster

We are hoping that your children will come home and talk to you about The Colour Monster. The Colour Monster helps children to understand and express the confusing emotions that they sometimes feel through the use of colour.

Blue - sad and upset

Yellow - happy and cheerful

Green - calm and relaxed

Red - anger and frustration

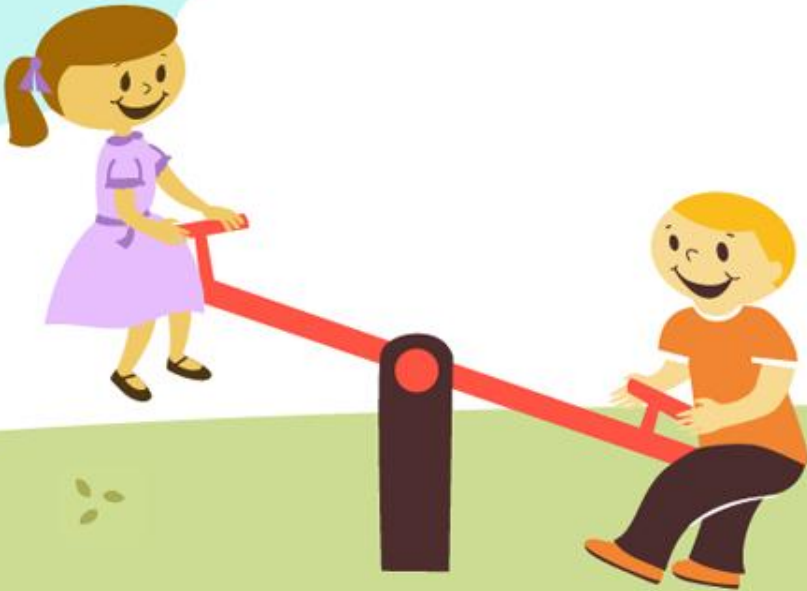
Black - scared and anxious

Pink - love and affection

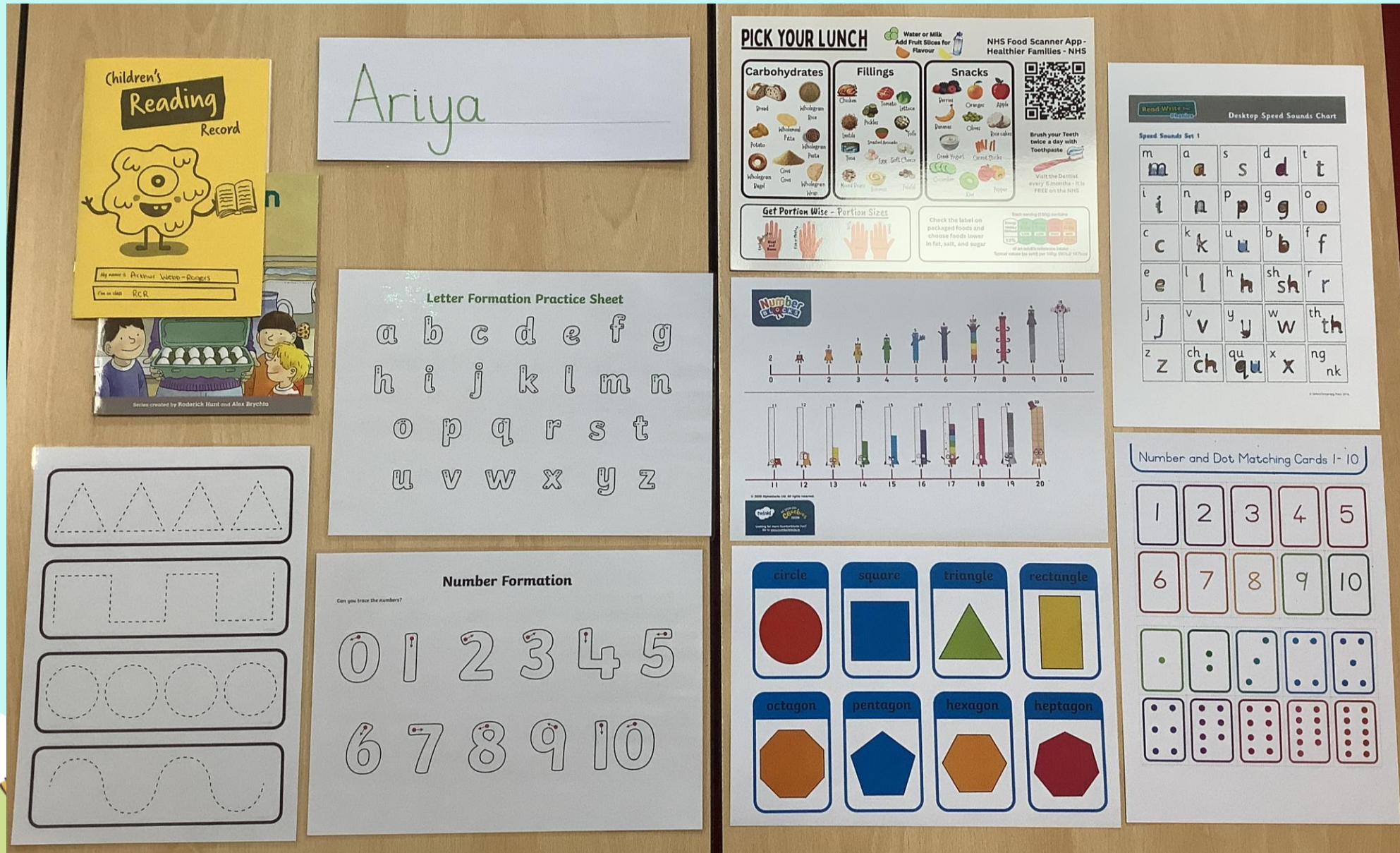
Mixed up - confused and unsure

A Typical Day in Reception Will Include:

- Fine motor activities
- Read Write Inc.
- Literacy
- Playtime and fruit
- Maths
- Lunch time
- Registers
- Input from another area of the curriculum
- Child initiated learning
- Story
- Home time



In your child's book bag



These items are for you to use at home.

Please check your child's book bag regularly.

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing



Achievements outside of school

We know your children do a lot of wonderful things outside of school and we would love to be able to share these within school.

When your child does something that you feel should be celebrated, please send these achievements to our Reception email address. Please feel free to send us photos etc. to share too!

Examples of these shareable moments could be:

- Trying something new
- Achieving a goal they have been working towards
- Doing something or making something that they are proud of



Homework

- Read with an adult at home 3 times a week.
- Practise Group words once a week.
- Creative homework (to start at October half term).



Learning to read and write

How will my child be taught to read?

In school, we follow Read Write Inc. There are some videos to explain this in more detail, available by searching Read Write Inc online:

- What is phonics?
- Sound pronunciation.
- How to blend sounds to read words.



Group Words

Within Read, Write Inc. there are words known as Red words. These are the words which, for the majority, cannot be built up using sounds, so children are taught 'You can't Fred a red!'

We will be sending home sets of group words that will include some red words each week. These will be checked in school once a week and the words will be checked in a random order.

Please support your children to read these words by sight.



Reading at home

To begin with, your child will be given a picture book. These are very important to develop early reading behaviours. Please look at the pictures and discuss what could be happening in the story. These will be replaced by books with words as the children progress.

The adults in the class that hear them read will consider when they are ready to move up a level and then their reading level will be assessed.

Familiar books are a key part of learning to read. Not only do they allow practise and consolidation but also increase children's confidence.

We encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home with an adult. We take part in a weekly competition to see which class has the most reads. So please remember to write in your child's yellow reading record.



PE day

PE day is Friday

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Fridays.

This should be:

- a round neck t-shirt (white)
- black shorts/bottoms
- sensible footwear (trainers)
- long hair tied up
- all jewellery removed inc. earrings
- if it is cold, a black tracksuit.



In the summer term, we may choose to do PE outside, so trainers are advisable.

Fridays

School finishes at 2pm on Fridays.

If you require for your child to stay in school until 3pm, they will need to be booked into Friday club. This is booked by emailing Friday Club and can be done half termly or by 5pm the day before.

There is a charge of £2 per child for this.



Sponsored bounce

Your child will soon be coming home with a sponsorship form for our sponsored bounce!

Each class will take part, any money we raise will go towards new toys for your children in reception.





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🏆🏀 Today we took part in our very own sports day. We had lots of races! We did an obstacle race, an egg and spoon race and a running race. Everyone competed well and were excited to take part! Well done! ⭐

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