



**things to do before  
you leave Rec Road**

# Introduction

Our school's Core Purpose is to ***Build Strong Foundations for a Lifelong Love of Learning.***

To fulfil this purpose, we need to engage our young people in learning experiences that are worthwhile, engaging and fun. The children then get to understand 'what's in it for them' where learning is concerned, and can take this enthusiasm for the learning process with them wherever they go in their lives.

During the Covid pandemic, the range and scope of learning activities that nurseries and schools could offer narrowed. We are now educating a generation of children who, due to Covid, have not yet had their eyes fully opened to the world's wonders and the sheer joy that learning can bring. **That needs to change – urgently.**

Our new '*50 things to do before you leave Rec Road*' scheme will ensure that every Recreation Road child, regardless of background, has their learning journey in school brought to life by a rich array of carefully-chosen learning experiences. The '50 things' have been selected to build the children's love of learning and to develop their cultural knowledge and understanding.

Of course, these are not the only exciting and interesting things that children will get to experience at our school – just the key ones that we aim to provide for every child, in every class, from every background, over the next three years. Happy reading - please let us know what you think.

**Michael Bunting, Head Teacher**

# Reception

In Reception, we aim for all children to have the opportunity to:

1. Rear a creature and set it free.
2. Take part in a celebration from a different culture or tradition.
3. Visit a museum.
4. Care for school wildlife.
5. Have a farm animal encounter.
6. Make an ice lolly and eat it once it's frozen.
7. Meet and talk to someone from the emergency services.
8. Make a sandwich and eat it.
9. Ride a vehicle through an obstacle course.
10. Get soaking wet on Water Day.
11. Have a 'glow in the dark' experience.
12. Make a mud creation.
13. Make a den out of natural resources.

# Year 1

In Year 1, we aim for all children to have the opportunity to:

14. Learn how to cross the road safely.

15. Make friends with the local library.

16. Run a recycling project.

17. Make and try foods from different cultures.

18. Look after the local park.

19. Learn a song in a different language.

20. Walk to a local landmark.

21. Create an art exhibition.

22. Learn about a hero or heroine from Norfolk.

23. Buy something and pay for it with cash.

24. Make and (try to) fly a kite.

25. Have a Beach Day – at school!

26. Take and print a photo.

# Year 2

In Year 2, we aim for all children to have the opportunity to:

**27. Become an eco-campaigner.**

**28. Choose the school's Charity of the Year, and plan ways for the school to raise money for it.**

**29. Be an 'Expert of the Week'.**

**30. Plant a seed and eat what grows.**

**31. Handle an object more than 100 years old.**

**32. Have swimming lessons in the school pool.**

**33. Make a meal and share it with others.**

**34. Learn to play the ocarina.**

**35. Take part in a debate to make an important decision.**

**36. Talk to an older person about their childhood.**

**37. Make and sell something to raise money for a good cause – and stick to a budget!**

**38. See what a million actually looks like.**

# Across the school

At some point during their time at school (for those who start and complete all three years at Recreation Road, from September 2021 onwards) we aim for all children to have the opportunity to:

39. Be a helper or a leader – for a class, year group or the whole school.
40. See their name in a school publication
41. Meet an Olympian.
42. Work with an artist or an illustrator.
43. Meet an author.
44. Be part of a 'Rec Road Radio' broadcast to the school.
45. Cast their vote in a school referendum.
46. Watch a live band or orchestra.
47. Perform on a stage.
48. Watch a theatre show or pantomime.
49. Help someone younger get better at their learning.
50. Take part in a school club.