Recreation Road Infant School

We work as a team



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.**

Our *'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, Executive Head**

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 in the forest.**

Year 1

In Year 1, we aim for all children to have the opportunity to:
14. Learn to appreciate a range of musical genres and instruments.
15. Visit a local library.
16. Run a recycling project.
17. Make and taste foods from different cultures.
18. Look after a local green space.
19. Learn a song in a different language.
20. Walk to a local landmark.
21. Create an art exhibition.
22. Learn about a significant local person.
23. Visit a place of worship.
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.	To begin to understand our impact on the world.
28.	Democratically choose the school's Charity of the Year, and plan ways 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.	Leaving a legacy / time capsule.
33.	Design and make something to sell.
34.	Learn to play the ocarina.
35.	Take part in a whole class project.
36.	Speak to a visitor who might have a different point of view.
37.	Make and sell something to raise money for a good cause.
38.	Be involved in planning part of the leavers show.

Across the school

At some point during their time at school (for those who complete all three year groups at Recreation Road, starting September 2021) 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.	Be celebrated by others.
41.	Meet an Olympian/Paralympian.
42.	Work with an artist or an illustrator
43.	Meet an author in person or online.
44.	Listen to / Participate in a Rec Road Radio broadcast.
45.	Cast their vote to make an important decision in Smart School Council.
46.	Watch or listen to live music.
47.	Perform on a stage.
48.	Watch a theatre show or pantomime in person or online.
49.	Help someone younger with their learning.
50.	Take part in Planet Pals.