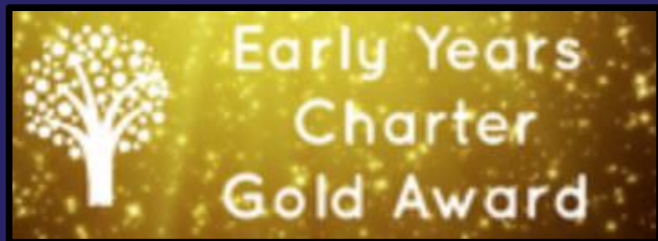




Connor Downs Academy



Welcome to the Early Years
Foundation Stage (EYFS) at
Connor Downs Academy...



Meet the EYFS team:



Miss Pedley

- Reception TA.
- Outdoor Learning Specialist.
- NHS First Responder.

Mrs Bartaby

- Reception Teacher.
- EYFS and KS1 Lead / SLT.

Mrs Walker

- Reception TA.

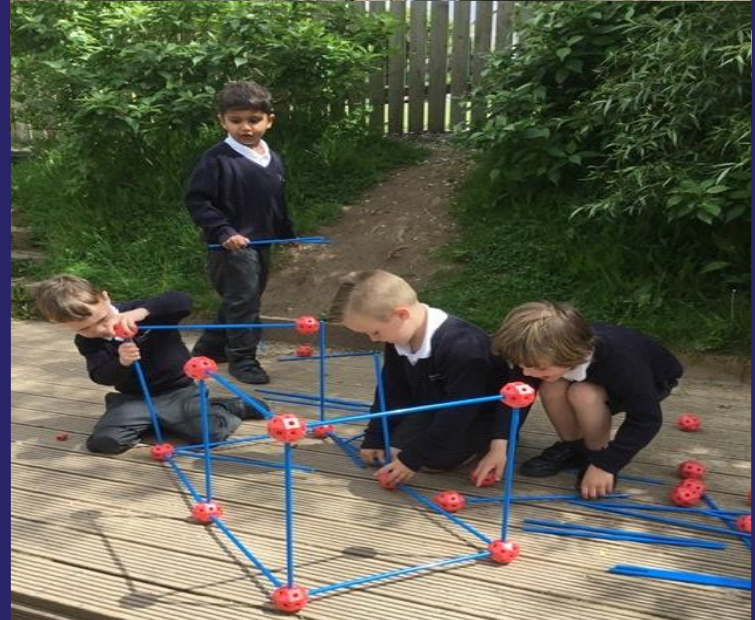
Your child's transition to school:

- Nursery visits - June and July
- School transition days – Wednesday 12th July
Tuesday 18th July
- Home visits - Tuesday 5th/ Wednesday 6th September
- Staggered transition (September).



Learning journals (Tapestry):

- Regular contributions are made to each child's Tapestry journal to share important learning and monitor progress. Typically, these are reflections of weekly class learning.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to contribute to their child's learning journal at home, sharing photos and videos of home learning.
- Arbor



What your child will need to keep at school:

- A P.E. kit, including plimsols.
- Spare clothes, including socks and underwear, to be kept in school.
- Waterproof clothing and wellies, with your child's name written inside, to be in school for outdoor learning.
- **Please ensure** that **all** belongings are appropriately labelled.



What your child will need to bring to school daily:

- A packed lunch (if your child is not having a free school dinner).
- A water bottle.
- A waterproof coat.
- A warm hat, gloves or sun hat (as appropriate).
- Their book bag and reading record
- **Please ensure** that **all** belongings are appropriately labelled.



Useful information:

- **All** property and clothing should be named to avoid confusion. Pupils are encouraged to take care of their own belongings.
- If your child requires medicine during the school day, please note that we can **only** administer medicine prescribed by a doctor. If this is necessary, please complete the appropriate form, which is obtainable from the school office, which will authorise us to do this.



Useful information:

- Toys from home must not be brought into school without consent. This will ensure that your child's personal belongings do not get lost or damaged.
- Please aim to read with your child each night and record this in their Reading Record.
- Please make a phone call to notify the school on the first day of any absence.
- As an academy we do not authorise holidays within the term time.



Useful information:

- There is a weekly newsletter which will be published on the school's website each Friday.
- Tapestry can be used to communicate with the EYFS team at home. For example, to relay messages or to share home learning.

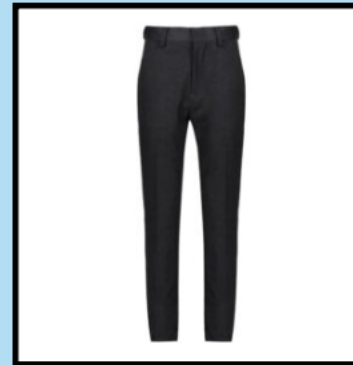


School uniform:

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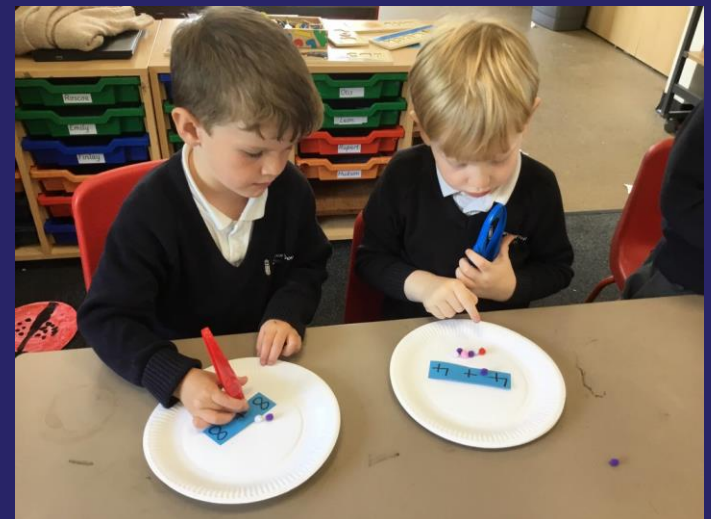
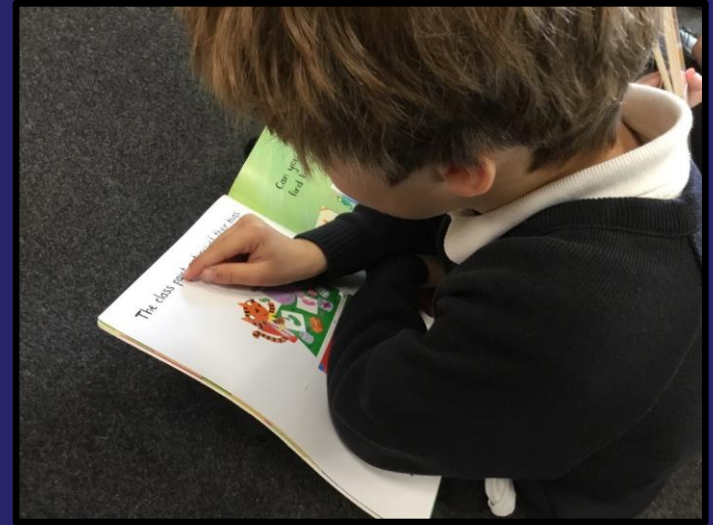
- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for Year R children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo

Uniform can be purchased from: <https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk>



The school day:

- Children are welcomed into the Reception classroom from 8:30 a.m.
- School starts promptly at 8:45 a.m.
- All children have access to a (free) healthy snack during the school day.
- Lunchtime in Reception is from 12:00 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.



The school day:

- The school day ends at 3:15 p.m.
- Please collect your child from the door outside the Reception classroom.
- Please let us know of anyone, other than yourselves, who will be collecting your child from school. Staff should be notified with as much prior notice as possible.

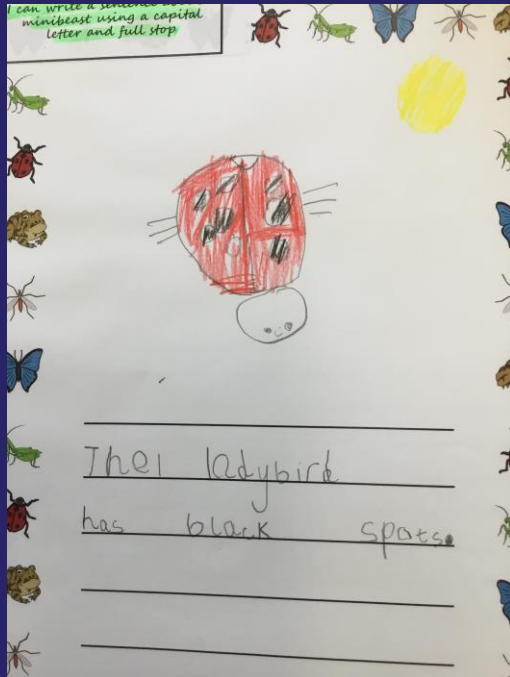


The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):



- The Reception year is the final year of the Early Years Foundation Stage (birth to 5 years).

The EYFS Curriculum:



- The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2021) is divided into **seven areas of learning**. Individual learning progress is baselined during the autumn term and tracked during the year.

The EYFS Curriculum:

Prime Areas of Learning:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

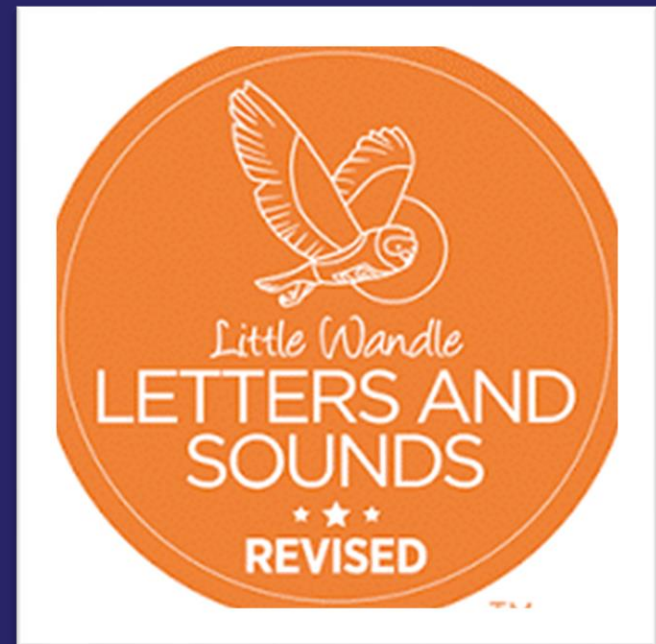
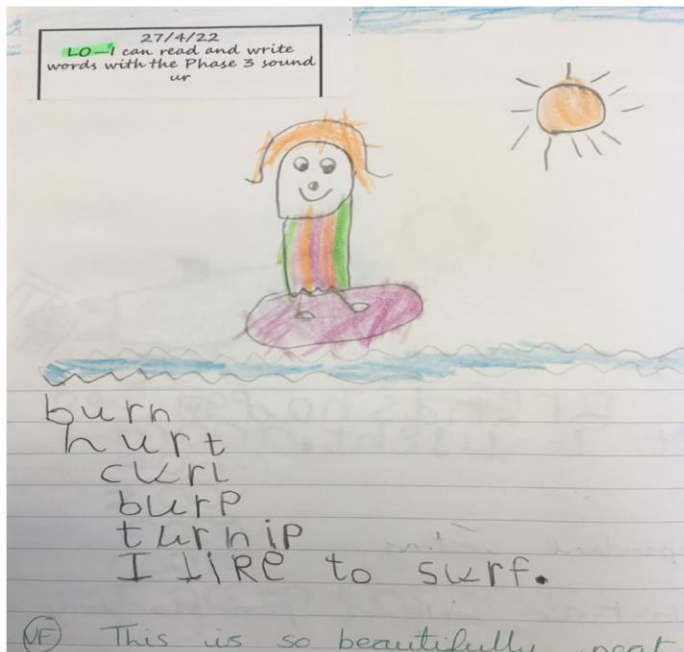
Specific Areas of Learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Phonics: reading and writing

- At Connor Downs Academy, our teaching of phonics will follow the scheme 'Little Wandle'.
- Meeting with parents in the Autumn term.



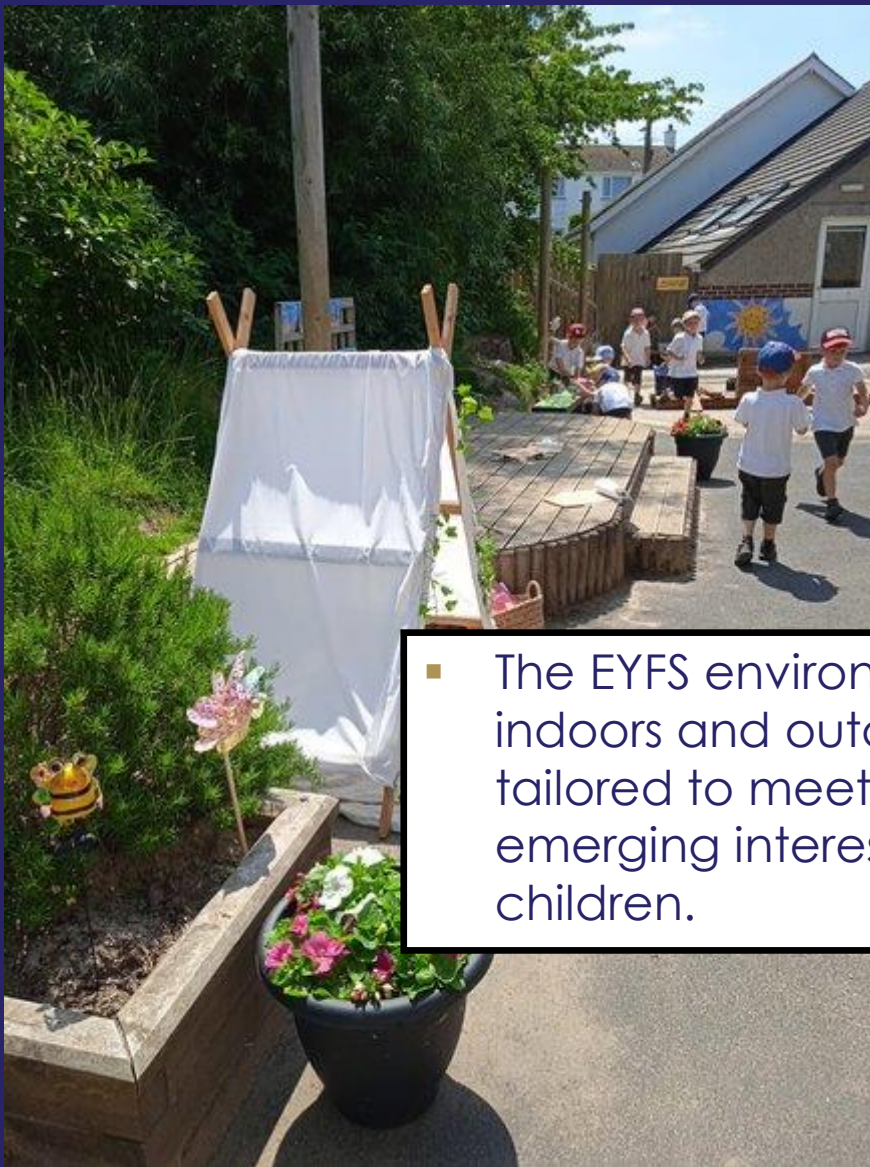
How your child will learn:



- 'Playful learning' e.g. child-initiated activities/play, supported by the adults.
- Teacher-directed learning e.g. whole-class phonics/mathematics teaching.



How your child will learn:



- The EYFS environment, both indoors and outdoors, is tailored to meet the emerging interests of the children.



Our school pets:

- Across the academy, we have 5 rabbits, 2 guinea pigs, 3 chickens, 2 frogs and stick insects. In Reception, the children learn to care for our academy pets.
- Muddy Monday, Welly Wednesday with Mr Costello



Cultivating Futures

- **Cultivating Futures**, our fantastic outdoor learning environment, supports us in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Our newly built adventure trail supports gross motor development.





- Please feel welcome to contact hello@connordowns.org.uk if:
- You have any questions or concerns.
- Your child has specific medical, learning or transitional needs that you would like to discuss on a 1:1 basis.
- **Thank you and welcome to the Connor Downs Academy Family**