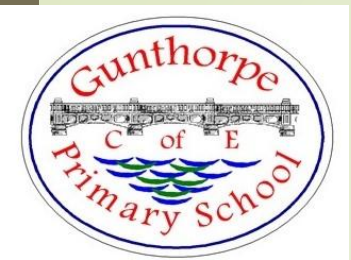


New Starters Parent's Meeting

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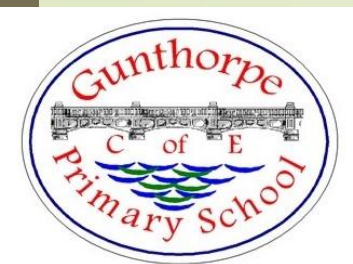




School Values

- Friendship
- Respect
- Service
- Forgiveness
- Determination

These are our core values that we hope to nurture and encourage in your children during their time at Gunthorpe.



Curriculum

There are 17 areas of learning and these are grouped into 7 main headings:

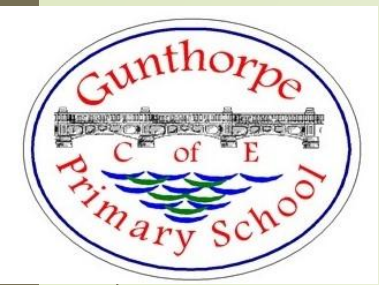
3 Prime Areas of learning:

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

4 Specific areas of learning:

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





Curriculum

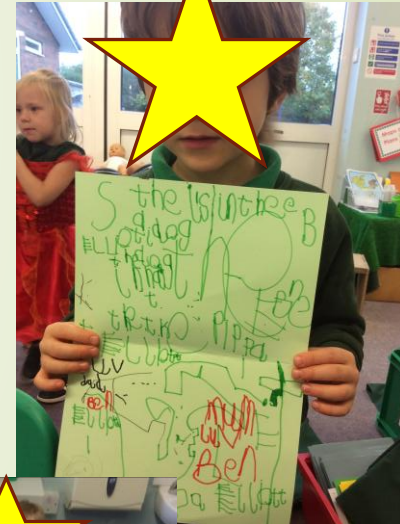
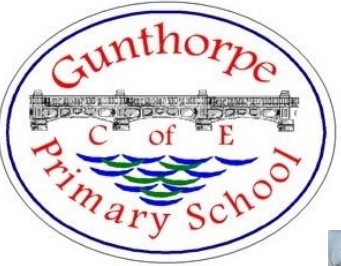
The Early Years Curriculum follows a play based approach.

- It will be very similar to Nursery to begin with, allowing a smooth transition.
- Small and large group focused time is gradually introduced and getting increasingly more formal throughout the year.
- Please greet your child with a smile each day and encourage them to talk about what they have been doing.
- Don't worry if your child says they've been doing "nothing". This means that they have been learning without even realising it!

Working Inside

There are lots of different activities that children can choose to do inside including:

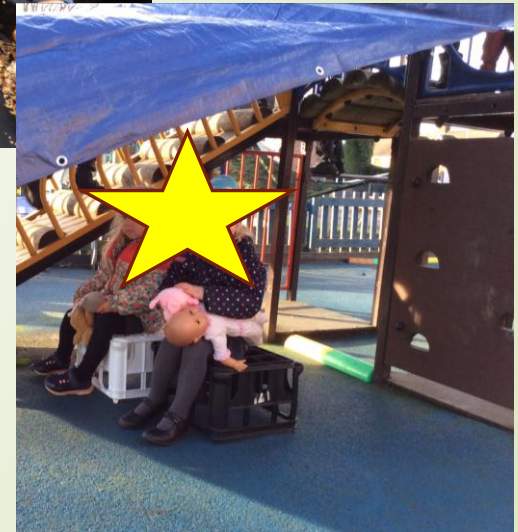
Drawing/writing/ painting • Sticking and making • role play
• Building • Sand/water play • Reading area • malleable play
• Number play • Construction • Small world play -to name just a few!!!

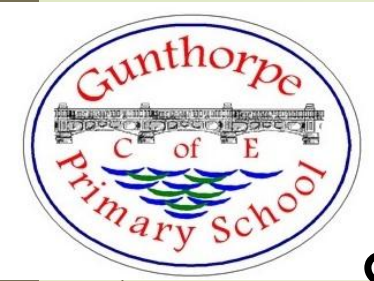




Working Outside

- Running • Climbing • Riding bikes • Throwing and kicking a ball • Building • Digging • Imaginative play
- Role play • Sand play • Balancing • Water play • Chalking • Drawing and Mark making • Forest school activities





Playing and Learning in Reception

Skills your child will develop:

- Social skills and Working together
- Turn taking and Sharing
- Confidence and Independence
- Gross and Fine motor skills
- Imagination
- Counting and Number Language and Vocabulary
- Problem Solving and Resilience



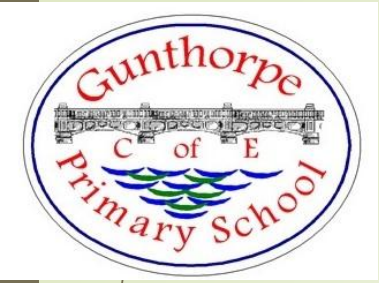


Reception Baseline

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021.

The RBA is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

As far as the children are concerned they are just playing some games with me and they are always really keen to have their turn!



How our day is organised

8.45: School starts.

Mid – morning: Snack time

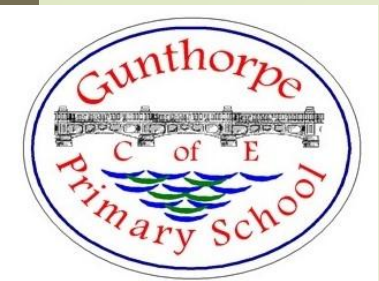
10.45am: Playtime

Lunch time 12-1pm:

Afternoon session 1-3.15pm

3.15pm: Home time





PE and Forest School

We will let you know on what days your child will be having PE or forest school sessions.

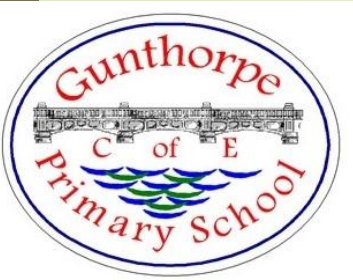
As independence is a key part of our curriculum getting changed for PE is an important learning opportunity.

We ask that you make sure your child has their **PE kit in school each week.**

The school P.E kit consists of-
Black/navy leggings/jogging bottoms
white T shirt, black trainers/plimsols.

For forest school children can come to school in their own clothes, please send them in old clothes that are suitable for playing outside.

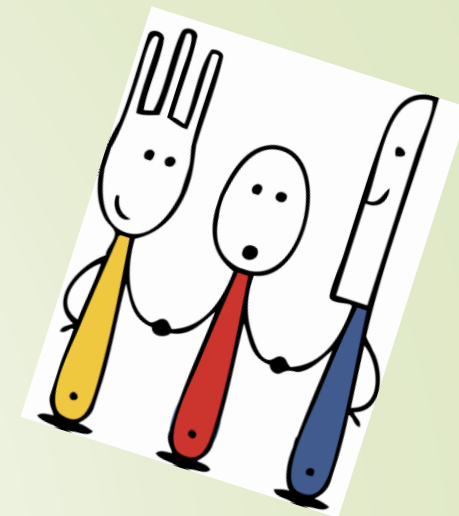




School Dinners

We are very lucky to have an onsite school kitchen.

- All Reception and Key Stage One children are currently entitled to a **free** school dinner.
- A menu will be sent home each term so you can discuss the days lunch with your child.
- If you prefer, you can send your child to school with a packed lunch. Please send in a clearly labelled lunch bag. Children are able to swap between packed lunch and dinners and can do a combination of both.



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SPRING 2022 MENU WEEK 1 WEEK COMMENCING 11 April, 2 May, 23 May, 13 June, 4 July, 25 July			
			
FIRST COURSE		SECOND COURSE	
MONDAY	Quorn dippers roast new potatoes crunchy veg Milk Egg Gluten	Jam sponge & custard OR Fruit salad Egg Milk Gluten Sulphur Dioxide	
TUESDAY	Lasagne crusty bread sweetcorn mixed salad Milk Gluten Sesame	Fruit yoghurt OR Fruit salad Milk	
WEDNESDAY	Sunshine pizza seasoned jacket wedges carrot & cucumber sticks coleslaw Milk Gluten Egg	Strawberry jelly & shortbread finger OR Fruit salad Gluten	
THURSDAY	Roast gammon with pineapple roast potatoes mashed potatoes green beans & sliced Carrots	Chocolate brownie OR Fruit salad Gluten	
FRIDAY	MSC fish fingers tomato ketchup diced potatoes peas & sweetcorn Gluten Fish	Raspberry ripple ice cream roll & vanilla sauce OR Fruit salad Soya Milk Egg Gluten	
SERVED DAILY Best of both bread Gluten and Soy Seasonal vegetables available daily Coleslaw (soy when served) Vegetarian meals can be made available upon request			



General Housekeeping

- * Label clothing – Please make sure that your child's clothing is labelled, it really does make life easier.
- * Your child will need their water bottle and book bag in school each day. Please make sure that their water bottle only contains water **no juice/squash**.

- Snack time- each child is offered a piece of fruit. They can in addition bring a healthy snack from home which they can eat at playtime.
- If your child would like to have a milk each day please register with cool milk.

If your child is sick please ring the school office and let them know. In cases of vomiting/diarrhoea children must stay at home for 48hours after the last episode.

- No jewellery
- We have an online payment system called parent pay which you can use for payments for after school club trips etc



How can you help your child to get ready for school?

- Encourage them to get dress/undressed by themselves this will help them on PE days
- Encourage them to put their coat on by themselves
- Can they go to the toilet independently and wipe themselves properly?
- Practise writing their name encouraging them to use a confident pincer grip when holding their pencil – we call this using our pinchy fingers
- Playing counting or board games with them helping them to recognise numbers to 10

Getting Ready for School

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you can practise at home to help you get ready for school.



Self-Care and Independence

- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can put on/fasten my coat and shoes.
- I can use the toilet.
- I am learning to dress/undress – this will help me change for PE.
- I am happy to be away from my parents or carers. I know they will be back soon.

Playing with Others



- I join in games and activities with other people.
- I can share and take turns.

Speaking and Listening

- I can talk about my ideas, needs and feelings.
- I can ask a grown-up for help.
- I can follow simple instructions.

Eating and Drinking



- I can use a spoon, knife and fork.
- I can open my lunch box as well as wrappers and packaging.
- I can drink from a water bottle, carton or open cup.

Numbers



- I can count a small number of items.
- I like singing number rhymes or songs.
- I am learning to say numbers to ten.
- I can recognise some numbers.

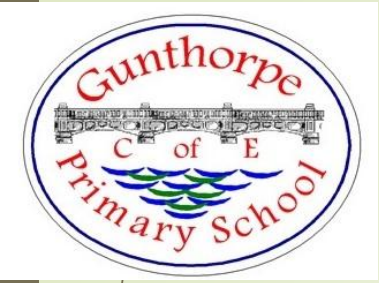
Reading and Writing



- I can recognise/read my name.
- I can hold a pencil to draw.
- I am learning to write my name.
- I enjoy listening to stories and rhymes.

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Last but not least....

- Our aim is for your child to be happy and settled in their new class.
- Children can only learn when they are feeling happy and relaxed.
- We will do everything we can to make this possible.
- If you have any worries or concerns please talk to us – it is better to address a small issue before it becomes a big issue.