



# **Welcome to Nanpean School!**

What to expect of the Reception year.

# A day in Reception



- The children are greeted by a member of staff from their class as they enter the classroom.
- The children are in charge of hanging coats on their peg and placing book bags in their drawers.
- The classroom has an area for packed lunches and drinks bottles.
- The children sit on the carpet together once they have sorted out their belongings. This is a time for songs and rhymes and, once the children have settled, a time to practise some things they have been learning. This could be sounds, name writing and fine motor activities initially.
- Once everyone has arrived and settled it is our class registration time. It is a great opportunity for maths.
- Once they have registered we have a short taught session – Read Write Inc where the children start to learn their sounds and learn to read. We will have a session for parents to explain this.
- The children eat their snack together as a class. Fruit, milk and water is provided. They can drink their own drink at this point.
- There is a short taught session after snack and after lunch. The taught sessions build up as the year goes on and the children are able to focus for longer periods.
- Throughout the day there are lots of opportunities to play. We call these sessions Learning through Play.

# What is Learning through Play?



- *There are at least two Learning through Play sessions each day. There are more of these during the first term.*
- *Each session is at least 45 minutes long in the morning and can be up to an hour and a half in the afternoon.*
- *It is an opportunity for the children to explore the learning opportunities in the classrooms and outside. .*
- *It is an opportunity to socialise with others who enjoy the same activities.*
- *Adults are on hand to support, interact, observe and engage the children. It is used as an opportunity to move the children's learning forward in a playful way. Everything that is on offer to the children has been carefully thought through and has a purpose.*

# What to expect in the first few weeks?

- The staff will be getting to know the children by playing with them and chatting to them. The All About Me books are used lots during this time.
- Once the children are settled the staff will be carrying out BASELINE activities with the children.

One of these is a statutory baseline for the Department of Education

It is completed with each child. Teachers input results online. Some of the activities completed inform us of what the children already know. Information about this statutory baseline will be sent home in September.

In addition to this we carry out our own play based activities which help to inform us about the children.

We also complete a short Read Write Inc assessment so that we know and understand the starting points of all children.



# How can you help?

- *Be positive about school*
- *Bring your child to school every day and on time*
- *Ensure your child has everything they need*

*Coat, boots and waterproofs, a drink in a refillable bottle, NAMED uniform*

- *Help your child to have a settled start to their day – routine is important*
- *Read to your child every day – even just for 5 minutes*
- *Practise activities that come home - sounds*
- *Log on to Class Dojo*
- *Talk to your child about what has happened at school each day using Class Dojo*
- *Become a member of our PTA to help to raise funds for us to support our curriculum*
- *Complete a school readiness questionnaire to let us know how ready for school you feel your child is – be honest! We will use your answers and our observations to design our curriculum for the year.*





# Class Dojo

**ClassDojo**

- *At the Stay and Play or during the home visit I will share a log in for the new Class Dojo page. Scan the QR code on your phone and we will accept you onto the class page.*
- *We will use this regularly to show you photos of what the children have been doing, things you need to remember and things that will be happening the following week.*
- *We also use this to communicate with you on an individual basis if we don't manage to see you face to face. We welcome you to use this as a way of communicating with us if you are unable to see us in the morning or at pick up time.*
- *Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are worried about anything. It is also a great way to show us what your child is able to do and what you are proud of throughout the year. We regularly ask for photos to support the children's learning.*



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# ClassDojo



*If you already have children at the school you can add your child to your existing account*



Uploading work and photos for us to see

1 Log into your student account

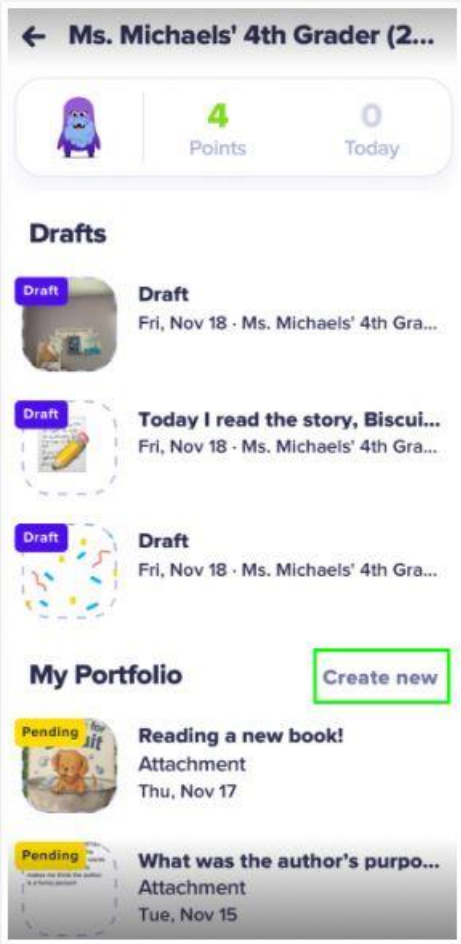
2 Tap on the name of the class that you would like to create a post for.



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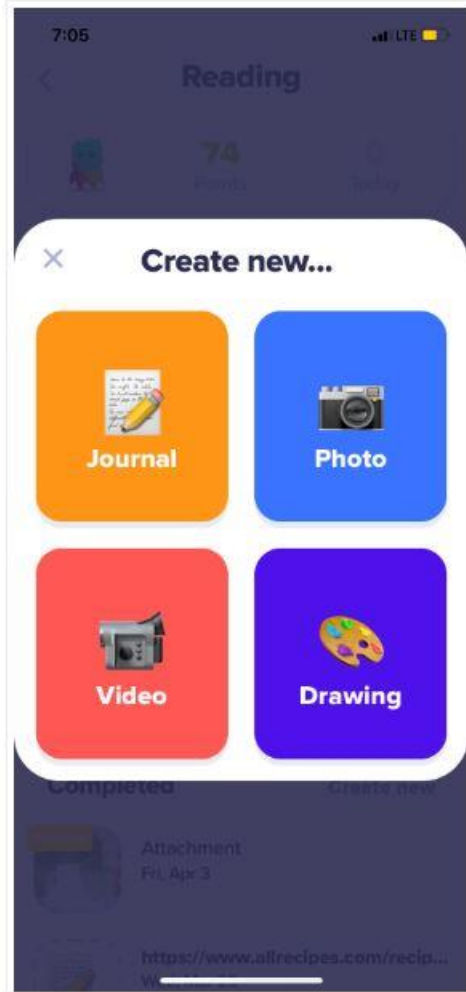


3 Next to "My Portfolio" tap "Create new".





- 4 Choose either Journal, Photo Video, or Drawing to create a new post.



- 5 Use the tools and follow the prompts in whichever type of post you select. Select "Cancel" to exit the post or "Done" when you are ready to move to the next screen.



# Ways to get in touch

- *Face to face at drop off or pick up times*
- *Via Class Dojo – private messages to class teachers are the best way. We can't always see comments on whole class posts*
- *Via the school office*
- *Email the school office – [nanpean@tpacademytrust.org](mailto:nanpean@tpacademytrust.org)*

