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# St. Luke's Church of England School

*Cherish, Challenge, Aspire and Achieve*

Life In All Its Fullness



## Transition Booklet

### Moving into Reception

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# Welcome to St. Luke's Church of England School



**This booklet is to help you and your child understand the transition process into Reception.**

Reception is a fundamental part of your child's learning because it provides the firm foundations which children need to be able to build on when progressing through their whole school journey.

Nobody really likes change; we all get comfortable with our familiar surroundings and situations. When change has to happen, we always feel uncertain. This is why we would like your child's transition process from Nursery into Reception to be as smooth as possible.

Parents and teachers all need to **work together** to provide continuity of experiences, which support children's learning and development.

The Early Years Foundation Stage provides secure and solid foundations for future learning and is made up of 7 areas; all areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

The three prime areas are:

- **communication and language**
- **physical development**
- **personal, social and emotional development**

The four *specific* areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied are:

- **literacy**
- **mathematics**
- **understanding the world**
- **expressive arts and design**

## Home Learning Opportunities

Working with your child at home is vital to ensure your child can be successful socially and academically. Below are activities you may want to complete at home to help your child.

Reading with  
and to your  
child

Singing  
songs and  
rhymes

Going to  
the library

Making  
opportunities to  
play with friends

Cooking  
together

Going on visits, for  
example to the river,  
the zoo, local towns,  
London, the beach

Drawing and  
painting

Playing with  
letters and  
numbers

Visit [www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk) for more information about academic, physical and social expectations for your child at their stage in life. The document 'What to expect, when' should answer most questions. The following two pages are taken from that document and outline some more, helpful home learning opportunities.

At St Luke's Church of England School we aim to create a strong bond between home and school. Working together brings out the best for every child. As well as teachers being available in the morning and after school for a quick informal catch up, we have many other opportunities to work together, including:

- eSchools page for updates and emailing
- Celebration evenings and parent 'drop ins'
- Class assemblies and performances
- Parents' evenings and regular reports and targets

### Your child's needs



### Your needs



## **Useful Information**

- School dinners are free for children from Reception through to Year 2. You will have been sent an information leaflet about school dinners with your welcome pack. Each day there will be a meat option, vegetarian option, jacket potato with soup & baguette during the winter or a sandwich during the summer. Menus change twice-yearly, in September and February.
- If your child would prefer a packed lunch, please ensure their name is written on their lunchbox and contains a balanced, healthy variety of food.
- Fruit and milk will be provided each day for children to have at playtime. Please could you also provide your child with a named water bottle to be brought in daily.
- Children should wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. This will be shared with you at the beginning of the school year in your child's curriculum newsletter
- Home learning – At St. Luke's we want to instil a love of reading. We will send a book home with your child and ask you to read with them every day. Sometimes these books do not have words, but encouraging your child to tell a story is just as important as them reading words. We also actively encourage you to read stories to your child too.

There is an 'All About Me' activity at the back of this booklet. It would be great if you could help your child complete this, then they can bring it on their first day at school in September to start their Learning Journeys! They can write or draw in the boxes.

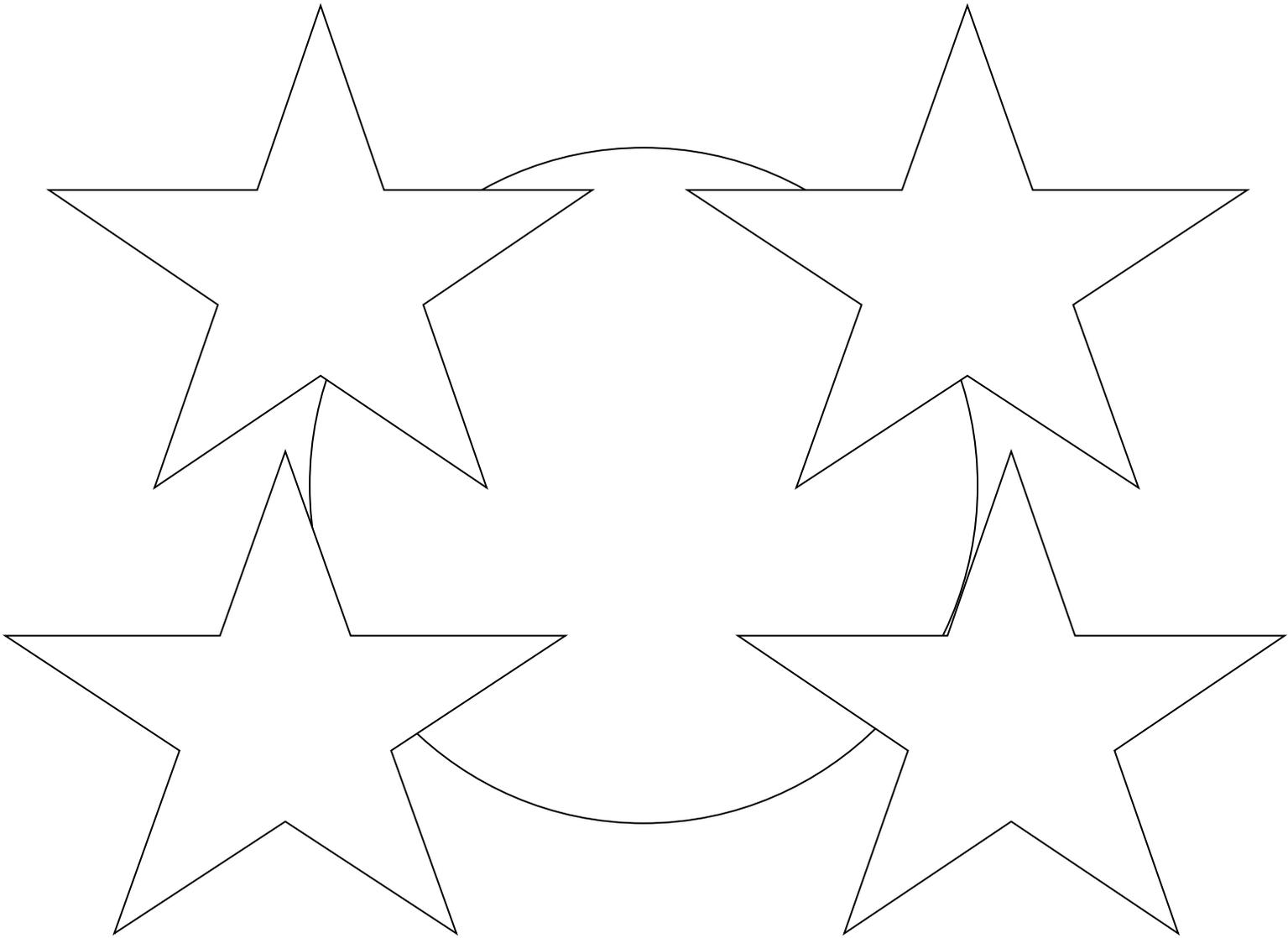
We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

Miss Kerry Beckett

EYFS Phase lead

**All about your child**

Ask your child to draw a picture of themselves in the circle and in the stars, think about things that they are really looking forward to in their new class.



Discuss with your child what they are **really looking forward to** and what they are a **bit worried about**.