



Excellence through cultivating character,  
sharing talents and pursuing innovation



academy for character and excellence

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# Torre C of E Academy

**Reception Welcome Meeting July 2025**

**With Mrs Cowell (Deputy Headteacher/EYFS Team Leader)**







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# Our Curriculum Intent

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At the heart of our curriculum lie three core values: pursuit of academic excellence; the explicit teaching of learning to learn which includes the development of metacognition; and crucially, character education.





EYFS

## EYFS Reflective Questions

How did I do?

Was it hard or easy?

What do I find interesting?

How am I feeling?

Did the team work well?

What am I learning?



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### **Our learning environments:**

Our aim is to provide children with an exciting and inspiring learning environment to engage in “exploration” that is designed to challenge, cultivate character, and ensure our youngest children have high quality resources and provision to develop their knowledge and skills in all seven areas of Early Years Learning.



## Early Years Curriculum Aims:

Our ACE EYFS Curriculum empowers and inspires children to be curious, empathetic, determined and unique individuals through cultivating their character.

Our children will be immersed in the experience of being a historian, scientist or writer, perhaps developing a passion that will inform their future lives.

A curriculum where knowledge and academic progress is built on character values and the ability to take on new learning and make connections.







Communication  
and Language

Personal,  
Social,  
Emotional  
Development

Physical  
Development

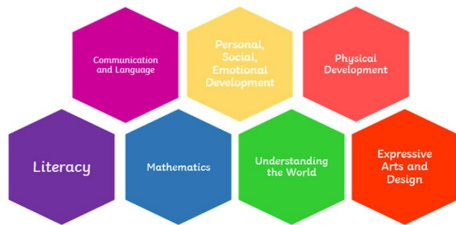
Literacy

Mathematics

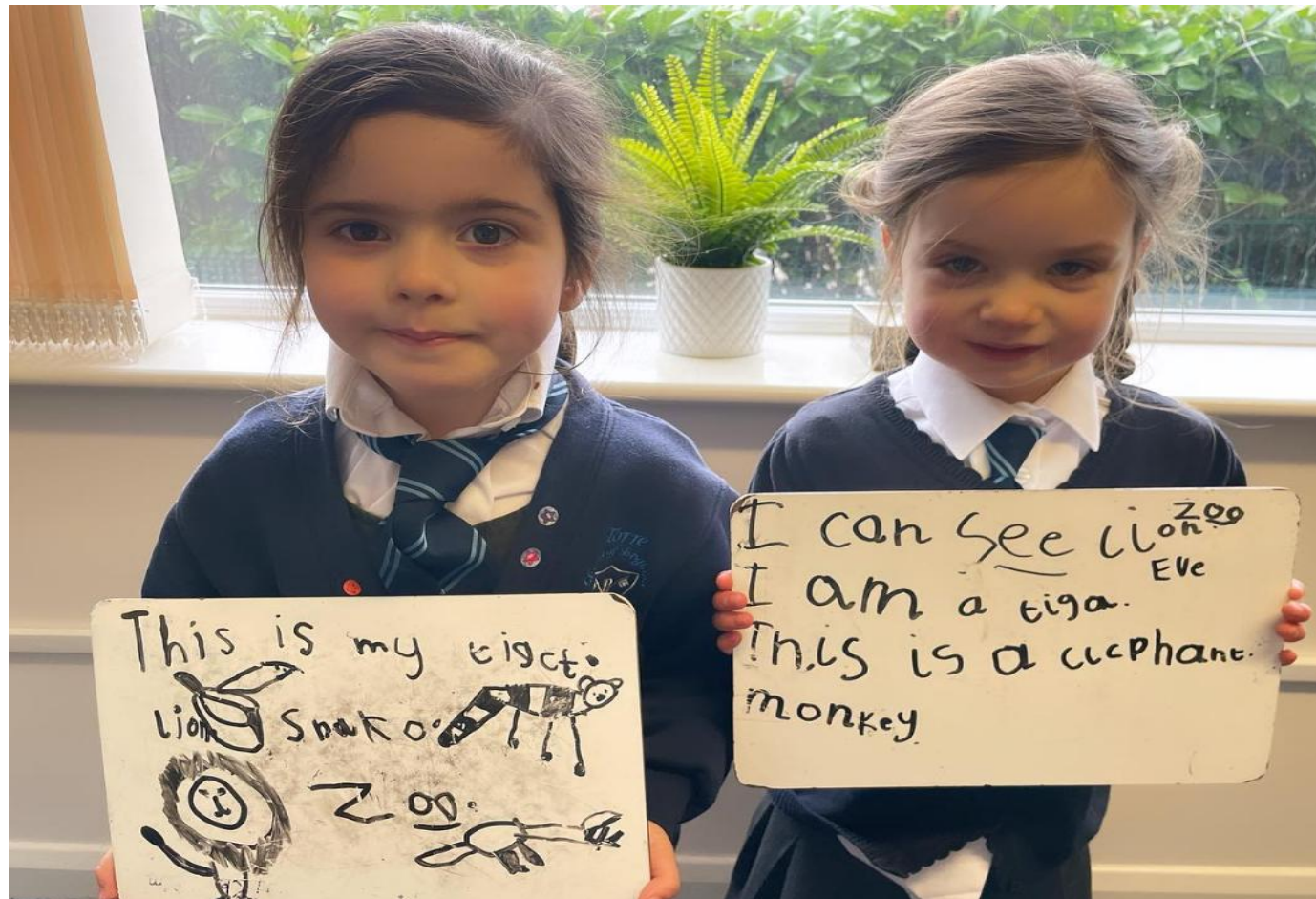
Understanding  
the World

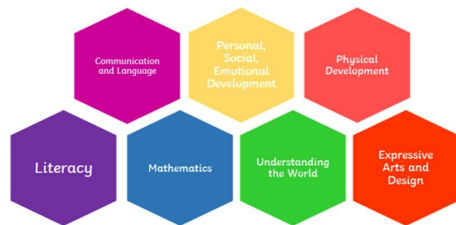
Expressive  
Arts and  
Design





Outstanding writing outcomes!





## Expressive Arts and Design!

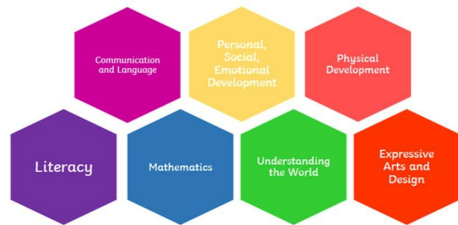






Personal, social and emotional development!



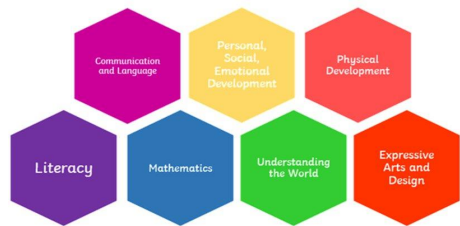


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**Reception** are given a dedicated play space at lunchtime during their first year at Torre. This will enable them the time they need to adapt to becoming a part of the main school.

During the Summer Term, they begin to transition across to our bigger play spaces.





Character Development!







## Being a Church of England School

At Torre, Christian Values underpin our ethos and vision for our school.

- Daily Collective Worship
- Various events held at our church
- Pupil Chaplains assigned to each class
- Daily reflection



# Reading

Reading and language development at home is really important to ensure good progress for your child.

Twice a week they will receive a library book to take home to share and enjoy together. As your child moves through the phonics RWI programme they will start to bring home specific RWI books to read. Please write in their reading records to show you have read with your child.



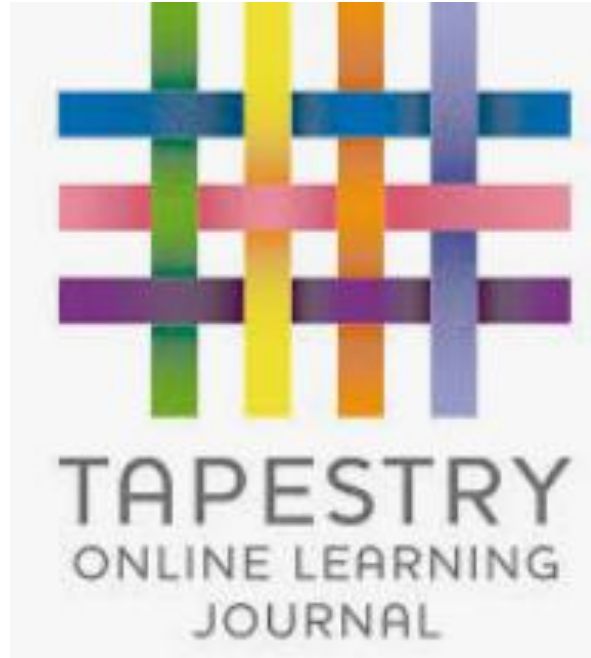
**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

Our Fab Five

Star Authors



# Tapestry - Online Learning Journal



**Tapestry** builds a special record of a child's experiences, development and learning journey through the early years education.

Tapestry is an app that enables learning experiences and memories to be shared with the child's family and weaves the story of how the child is growing and developing.

You are able to comment on your child's progress, but also have the opportunity to upload comments and media of experiences that you are having within the home learning environment.

This communication between staff and parents builds up a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential.

Each week we use Tapestry to send home learning with different activities and links to books so that you can support your child further within the current learning experience.

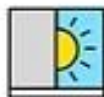















morning

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| Morning activities and register  | Reading hour - phonics  | Mathematics and continuous provision  | Poem  | Break  | Learning enquiry and provision   | Prayer and Lunch  |
|  reading  writing |  phonics |  mathematics |  poem |  playtime |  learning enquiry |  lunch |



afternoon

|  |  |   |   |   |  |  |
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| Register and collective worship  | Afternoon activities and provision   |   |   | Story   | Prayer   | Home   |
|  collective  worship |  physical development |  religion and worldviews education |  learning  enquiry |  story |  prayer |  home |



We will be having a week of morning transition sessions:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 - 9.30am – 11.30am**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.30am – 11.30am**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 9.30am – 11.30am**

If your child attends Tiny Torre, you will drop off and pick up from Preschool as normal and Mrs Forrester will bring your children to Reception each morning.

If your child is new to the school, we would like you to drop off your child at the school office at 9:15am each day. They can be collected at 11:30am from the office.



# Free School Meals

As you may be aware, all children in Reception will be receiving a free school meal daily. Please talk to your child about the food choices and check they are happy with what you have selected.

You will need to select your child's meal choice online.

- Hot meal (vegetarian option offered) or jacket potato with a choice of filling. Our delicious deli bar is also a popular choice with all year groups!





# What does your child need to bring?

All items must be named.

- **Torre Academy school uniform**

White shirt, an elastic school tie, school jumper or cardigan, grey trousers, skirt pinafore, black school shoes with velcro (NO laces please), grey socks or tights.

- **A book bag**

- **A water bottle**

- **P.E. Kit**

Navy shorts, white plain t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. Tracksuits may be worn in the winter.

- **Welly boots**



## Summer Uniform (Summer 2)



### Torre C of E Academy Uniform

#### Summer Uniform

- Pale or dark blue checked dress with plain white socks
- Grey shorts, grey skirt with grey socks
- White shirt with a collar and short sleeves or long sleeves rolled up (NOT polo shirt)
- Tie does not need to be worn
- Black shoes (NOT trainers)
- School jumper/cardigan or plain navy-blue jumper/cardigan



## Additional information:

We offer childcare before and after school. Our before school club starts from **8.00am** in the hall and after school club finishes at **6.00pm**.

You will need to book your child onto these before hand using MCAS online if you wish for them to attend.

PTA - We have a Chair called Tracey Ross and if you would like to be involved in school events and supporting the PTA, let Tracey know.





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Any questions...



**Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing  
you all during the transition mornings...**



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