Welcome to the Reception New Starter's Meeting Cohort 2025/26



Everyday we aim to...





KNAVESMIRE CHARACTER IS:

- Being CREATIVE, ARTY, and having FUN.
- Taking RISKS in learning, being ENTHUSIASTIC and PASSIONATE.
- Being HARD-WORKING and RESILIENT, but also being EXUBERANT and SPIRITED.
- Having ASPIRATION and being DETERMINED while having HIGH EXPECTATIONS.
- Celebrating being UNIQUE and INDIVIDUAL, and being SPORTY and leading a HEALTHY life-style.
- Embracing British Values of: DEMOCRACY, the RULE OF LAW, MUTUAL RESPECT, and INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

Our Knavesmire Character shapes our spiritual, moral, social cultural growth.



Meet the Team!



Miss Coulson - Romans Teacher
Miss Copping - Vikings Teacher
Mrs Burley - Romans Teaching Assistant
Mrs Fairburn - Vikings Teaching Assistant









Mr Cooper - Headteacher Mr Gardiner - Deputy Headteacher

During our time in Reception we....



Learn through play...

...build the foundations for a lifelong love of learning...

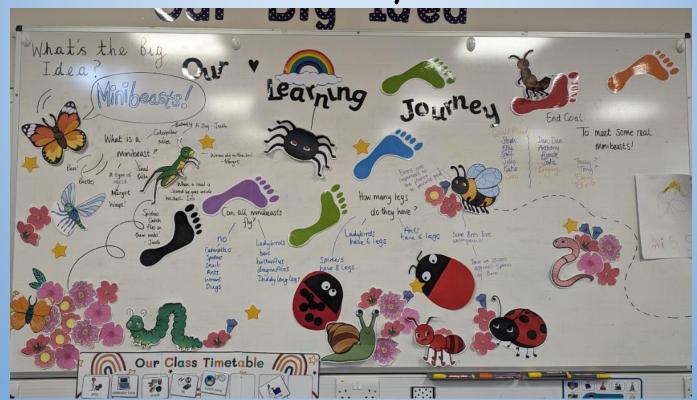




...provide exciting and enriching opportunities to promote independence and self confidence.

What is The Big Idea?

The Big idea is at the core of every child's journey at Knavesmire. It is inspired by the children's interests and driven by their curiosity.



Our Curriculum



Our Curriculum is taught through the Big Idea and is supported by development matters 2020 and the framework for EYFS 2020.

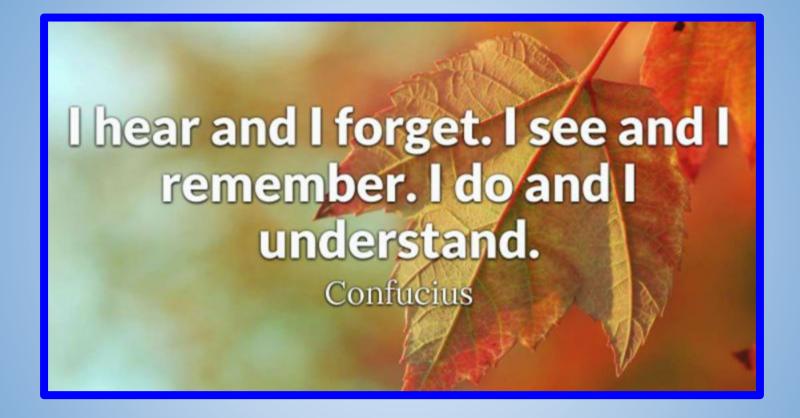
Our focus is on the Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social, Emotional, Development (PSED)
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

and the Specific Areas:

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





What do our days look like?



We learn inside and out...

We have Theatre Workshops, visits, local trips, weekly French and Music lessons





We start the year with 3 short carpet sessions these expand as the year progresses.

We love to take our learning outdoors



The Environment



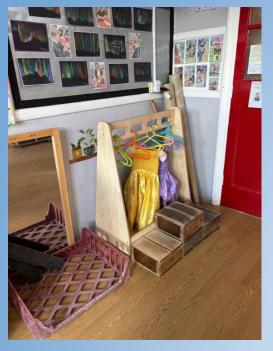
























Key Timings

School opens 8.50-9.00 am

Lunch time 11:55-1.10

Pick up 3.15 pm



Daily Timetable

9am	Register and Phonics
9:20	Play
10:15	Snack and Story
10:35	Play
11:30	Literacy
11:55	Lunch
1:10	Register and Big Idea
1:35	Play
2:15	Afternoon Snack
2:30	Tidy up/Circle Time/Stories
3pm	Get Ready to go home
3:15	Home Time

Lunch Time

Lunch is from 11:55-1:10

There is a large and varied menu which caters for all dietary needs and preferences. Please make sure that the school office is informed of these needs.





'Getting Ready for Reception'

Here are a few ways in which you can help your child get ready for starting school:

- Practise getting dressed and undressed independently.
- Practise being responsible for belongings e.g. putting jumpers back in the same place, remembering to collect items.
- Being toilet trained where possible. This has a massive impact and plays a big part in where we spend the majority of our time. We want to teach and play with your children. Accidents happen and we are always on hand to help your child. However, the more practice you can do over the summer the better; this will massively help us and your child in September.

The practical bits What your child will need at





Snack box or named snack



Spare Clothes



Name everything!



Book Bag

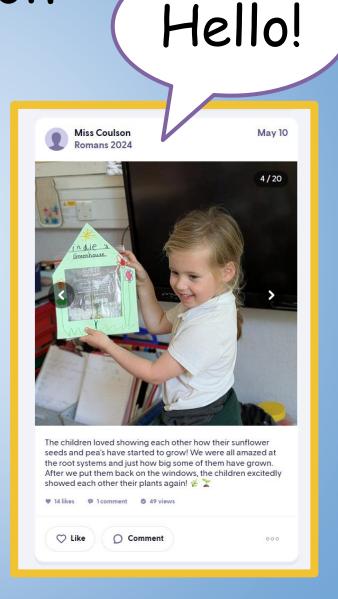


PE Kit

Water Bottle

Communication

- We believe that good communication between staff and parents is key to success!
 We are always on hand in the morning to share a quick message or at the end of the day for a chat.
- You will receive a weekly newsletter from the school.
- You can contact us via the school office or through email via the school office.
 - We use dojo to share pictures, school updates and information of what your child has been upto during the day. However we do not use the messaging aspect of dojo.
- In September/October you will be invited to a workshop where we explain how we teach different areas e.g. Phonics and how you can support your child's learning.



Stay and Play Sessions

We have now met most children in outside settings as well as children that attend Knavesmire Nursery. We have loved meeting and seeing all of the children.

On June 9th and 10th we invite children to come for a library session from 3:30-4pm. Here we re-introduce ourselves, read a story and share which class your child will be in. We ask parents to stay for this session.

On June 30th and July 1st from 3:30-4:15, we offer stay and play sessions for your children to play in the classrooms with their new classmates. In this session we require parents to leave, to offer the children a realistic snapshot of school and what it will be like in September. Parents are welcome to wait in the library/school office or go for a walk/coffee and come back at the end of the session.

Sign up sheets for the Library session and the stay and play will be through an online google doc. The library session will be live from tomorrow and the stay and play session will be live once you find out your child's class.

School Facilities









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Uniform

https://www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk/collections/knavesmire-primary-school



KCKC - Before and After School

care

Phone Number: 01444 523335

knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk

Please book Kids Club through the online booking system, more information has been sent out via email from the main office or you can find it through the school website.

https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc/

The technical bits...







Friends of Knavesmire

Welcome from The Friends of Knavesmire Primary School



The Friends of Knavesmire Primary School is a charity made up of parent, carer and teaching staff volunteers who together raise about £8,000 annually for the school.

We aim to raise money through inclusive events that are fun and help to build the Knavesmire Community. This year we have held:

- Pumpkin Festival
- Christmas Hamper raffle
- Christmas Shopping Evening
- Secret Santashopping
- Valentine's Cake sale
- Easter Fair
- May the 4th Cake Sale

With the Knavesmire Bake Off and 'Frozen Fridays' yet to come

The money we raise is spent on:

- Enrichment funds for each class
- Subsidising school trips to remove or reduce the cost
- Provision of new or specialist equipment for the whole school e.g. new library cosy corner, playground games equipment

In particular at the moment, we are raising funds to help overhaul our school playground. This is likely to be the main fundraising focus for the next academic year

How can you get involved?

All help is welcome – whether you have an hour to spare every term or want to help us run the charity.

We will be holding a meeting in September where you can come along to find out more or you can email us at

knavesmirefriends@gmail.com to let us know that you're interested in finding out more or helping us out.

? Question Time?

