



*We consider every child to be a star.
It is our job to make them shine!*



Little Moons and Little Stars – Reception Provision

Little Moons and Little Stars is our vibrant Reception provision, led by our dedicated Early Years Lead alongside two experienced teachers and a team of highly skilled teaching assistants. Together, they create a supportive and inspiring environment where children can thrive as they begin their school journey.

We are proud to achieve consistently high levels of Good Level of Development, reflecting the strong foundations our children build during their Reception year. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and carefully planned around children's interests, combined with high-quality teaching that supports every child to reach their potential.

Children follow the **Read, Write Inc.** programme, providing a fully comprehensive and structured approach to phonics and early reading.

Home/School Liaison

Throughout the course of the day the children participate in group time which focuses on developing phonics, mathematical, English and physical skills. We follow 'Read Write, Inc Phonics' and have developed 'Big Maths' for these areas*.

We do reading daily and change guided reading books weekly for the children to take home. More structured activities are introduced as the children develop. Their progress is closely monitored so that each child works at an appropriate level and with a curriculum which suits their needs and work towards all of the early learning goals.



Once your child is settled at school we will welcome parents into school for various events such as meetings, concerts, sports and fundraising events. We love to hear about what you have been doing with your children, you can send examples and pictures directly to their class teacher via Dojo. Your child will receive home learning every half term once they have settled in.

School Dinner

School dinners for all Reception children are free. However, you may provide your child with a packed lunch. We follow a healthy and nut free policy for a packed lunch-please see the website for further details.

Class Dojo

Dojo is an app that can be downloaded to your Phone or device. Teachers send messages, photographs, videos and rewards to celebrate the lovely work and activities that your child takes part in, as well as informing you of any events/activities that have taken place. Further information will be sent out once your child has started school.

Website

Our school website is www.cestria.durham.sch.uk. It holds a whole host of information about the school from diary dates to ways to support your children with their learning.



Our uniform comprises of:

- School hawaiian blue sweatshirt/cardigan/hoodie
- White polo top (with or without school badge)
- Grey/black PLAIN AND UNBRANDED leggings or
- Grey/black PLAIN AND UNBRANDED joggers or
- Grey/black school trousers or
- Grey/black school dress/pinafore or
- Grey/black school skirt
- Grey/white PLAIN socks or tights

Footwear must be grey/black with no obvious branding. Trainers can be worn but must be grey/black with no obvious branding.

- ❖ There is the option to wear a blue checked blue dress in the summer term or school grey shorts NOT cycling shorts

PE Kit

You will be informed of your PE days by your class teacher. Children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days, this comprises of:

- School hawaiian blue sweatshirt/cardigan/hoodie
- White round neck t-shirt (with or without school badge)
- Grey/black PLAIN AND UNBRANDED leggings or
- Grey/black PLAIN AND UNBRANDED joggers or
- Grey/black PLAIN AND UNBRANDED school PE shorts NOT cycling shorts
- Grey/white PLAIN socks

Trainers must be white/black with no obvious branding.

If you are having difficulty sourcing a uniform in line with our policy we have a selection of donated items which we will be happy for you to use.

*You can purchase our badged uniform from:

- ✓ [Primary Schools | The School Outfit & Little Gems](#)
- ✓ [etika uniforms – The New Word In Ethical Uniforms](#)
- ✓ [SALTO UK](#)
- ✓ <https://logosbabywear.com/>

IMPORTANT

- Please can all uniform be NAMED
- Children do NOT need a pencil case, we provide everything that they need
- Children need to bring in a NAMED water bottle, filled, every day
- Children can wear a pair of small stud earrings ONLY-these must be covered/taken out for PE days

Please be aware that clothing in Reception will get messy due to the nature of the children's learning.