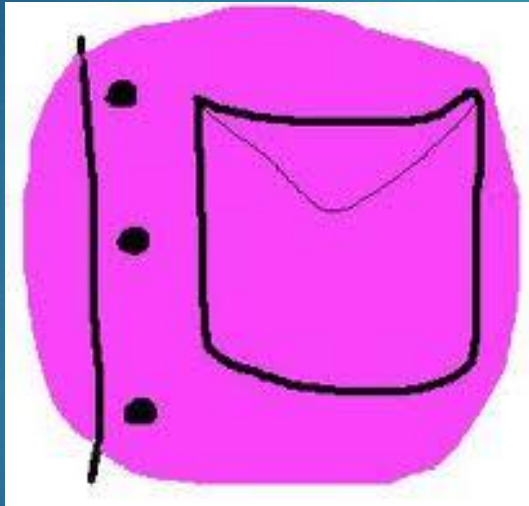




Reception at Chester Blue Coat CE Primary School

Our Aims

To help your child be the best that they can be.



To give your child a pocket full of good memories that they look back on with happiness and pride.

Positive Relationships



Working closely with you as Parents/Carers

From home you can access:

- ▶ Reception pages on the school website
- ▶ Weekly School Newsletter

When we are allowed to welcome you into school:

- ▶ Parents Meetings
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Stay and Play sessions

You know your child best – support us by sharing your knowledge – so we can get the best from your child and help them make great progress.

Enabling Environments



Our setting changes to suit your children's needs

We have separate carpet times but the whole space is shared and both classes play and learn together.

Outdoor learning

Many children learn and retain information and knowledge best outside.....

- ▶ Please make sure they are ready for any weather by having in school every day a clearly named:
 - ▶ Waterproof coat
 - ▶ comfy shoes
 - ▶ wellies
- ▶ Children will also need a water bottle – this will be sent home every day to be washed and refilled

Challenges

- ▶ Around the classroom and outdoor space there will be challenges linked to the different areas of learning.
- ▶ Set at different levels so we can meet the needs of your child as an individual.
- ▶ As your child settles in they will be able to earn lolly sticks for the challenges they complete. At the end of each day we talk about what we have learnt and which things were tricky or easy to do.
- ▶ There will be daily and weekly rewards for both achievement and effort in their challenges.

Learning and Development



Practical play-based learning

Continuing the same styles of learning as in Nursery but it is more challenging, ensuring your child's learning moves forward.

- ▶ Higher expectations
- ▶ More independent
- ▶ More adult directed activities
- ▶ Phonics/number sessions daily
- ▶ Take home reading books at the correct level for them (these are changed twice a week but need to be in school every day) as well as a bedtime story book from our class 'Library' that the children can change themselves daily
- ▶ Phonics sounds and 'tricky words' they have learnt in school to practice at home
- ▶ Weekly PE sessions in the school Hall – children will need to have black or navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt to change into (this needs to be kept in school in a separate bag and will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed)

Your child will be encouraged
to work together with others

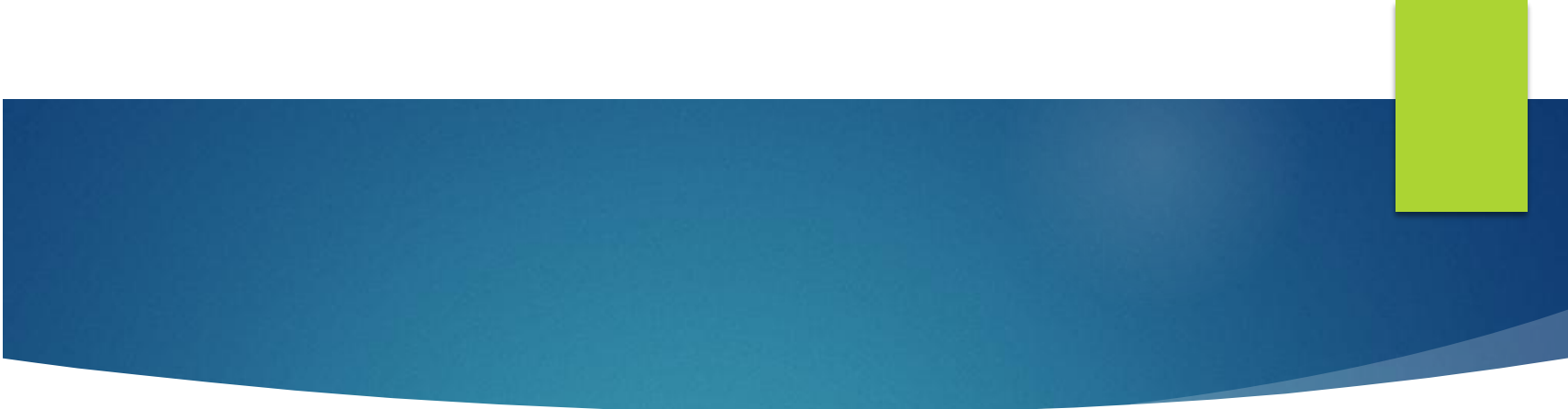


Try tricky activities and develop perseverance



Take risks in a safe environment
using real objects.

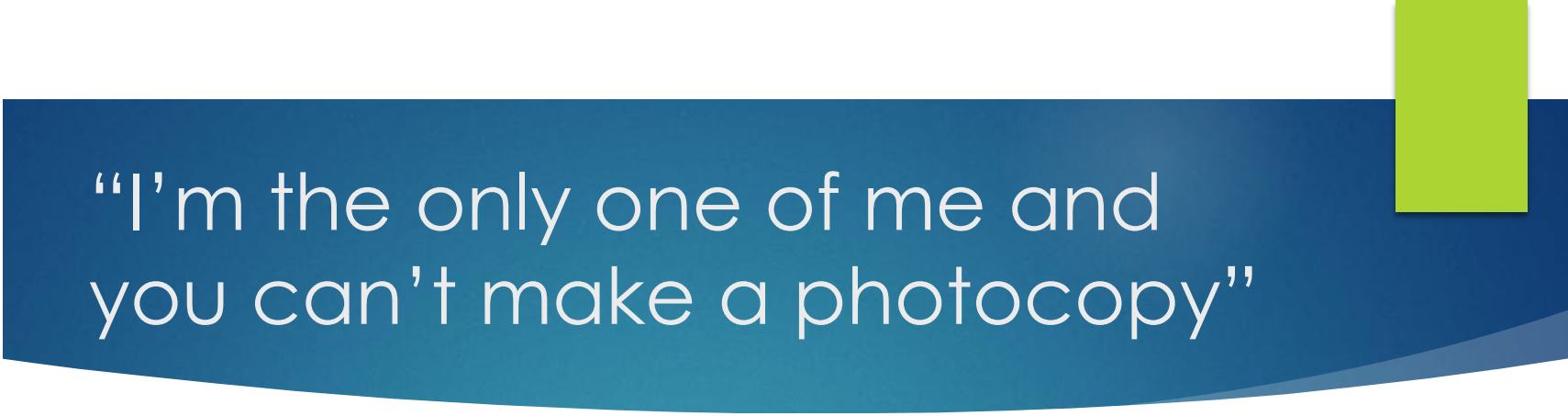




Children leave
Reception ready
for Year 1



Unique Child



“I’m the only one of me and
you can’t make a photocopy”

► Every child unique and
special



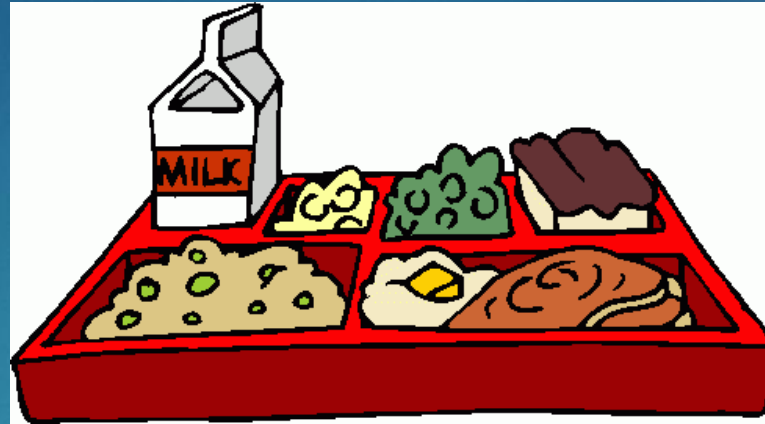
A typical day at Chester Blue Coat





am

- ▶ Welcome & Funky fingers
- ▶ Register and carpet time in class groups.
- ▶ Continuous provision – challenges time!
- ▶ Snack time – healthy fruit provided by school
- ▶ Phonics groups
- ▶ Get ready for lunch



Lunch times...

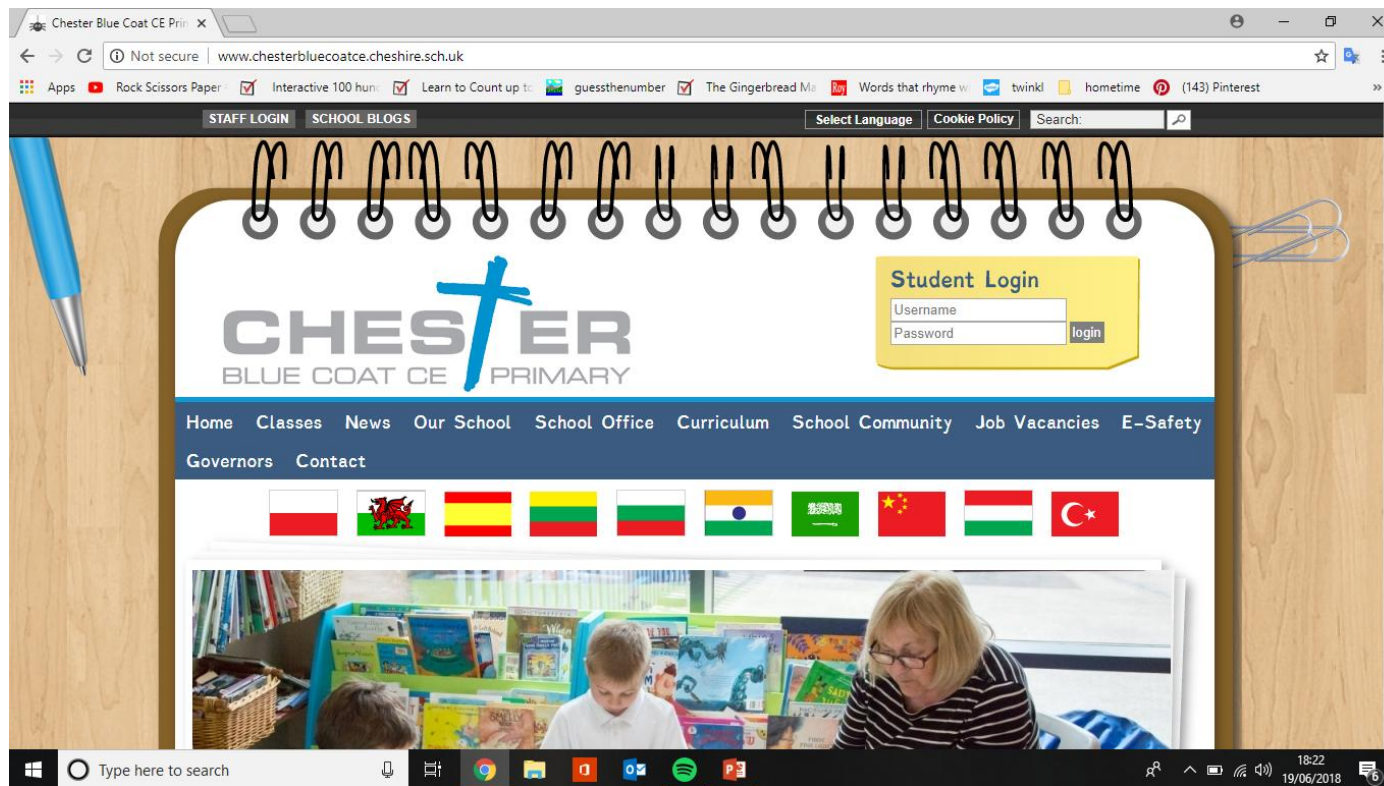
- CURRENTLY PACKED LUNCHES WILL BE EATEN IN THE CLASSROOM AND HOT DINNERS IN OUR SCHOOL HALL.
- MENUS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



pm

- ▶ Register and maths groups
- ▶ Continuous provision (challenges)
- ▶ Tidy up time
- ▶ Learning review time – talking about challenges done (celebrate achievement and effort)
- ▶ Get ready for home – storytime/songs.

Have a look at the reception pages on our website



What to do now

- ▶ Make sure you have filled out and returned to school all the forms in your pack at home – especially uniform order
- ▶ Share the 'Welcome booklet' with your child so they can see who their teachers will be.
- ▶ Talk about school in a positive way. Show them photographs and videos of the staff and classroom so they know what to expect when they start.
- ▶ Start a positive routine – early night + bedtime story (watch the staff reading stories on Instagram)