

Welcome to Loxwood Primary School



Thank you for choosing Loxwood Primary School



What to Expect This Evening

- Meet the Reception team and key staff.
- Learn what to expect in Reception and how to prepare for September.
- Find out about transition arrangements and starting school.
- Explore the school and classroom environment.
- Ask questions and meet other Reception families.
- Discover how we will work in partnership to support your child's learning, wellbeing and development.



Mrs Donnelly
Reception Teacher



Mrs Coupe
Reception Assistant Teacher



Mrs Mellors
Headteacher



Miss Price
Deputy Headteacher & SENDCO



Mrs Best
Receptionist



Mrs Harder
Woodland Learning Teacher

Information Pack & Next Steps

✉ Information Pack (sent via email next week)

You will receive:

- Parent Handbook
- Permissions Form (please return to school)
- Information about ordering milk through Cool Milk
- Information about our new school meals provider, ISS – Feeding Hungry Minds, will be shared with families over the coming months. This will include details about menus, ordering arrangements and everything you need to know before your child starts school in September.

📁 To Take Home This Evening

You will receive:

- 'This Is Me' Booklet and guidance
- Your child's individual transition timetable
- Your child's school house colour

✓☐ What We Need Back

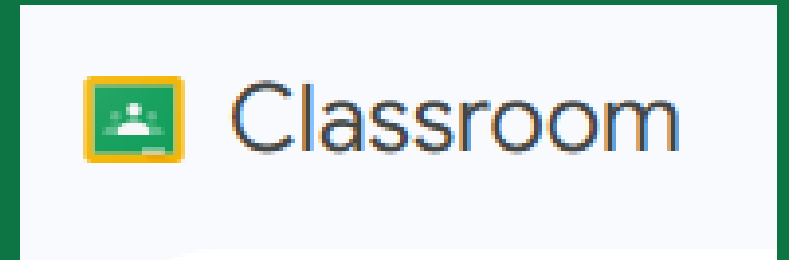
Please complete and return:

- Permissions Form
- Tapestry Registration Form
- 'This Is Me' Booklet (by the date provided)

These documents help us get to know your child and ensure they have the best possible start to school.

Google Classroom

 Building a strong partnership between home and school is key to helping your child feel happy, settled and successful in Reception.



We use Google Classroom to:

- Share important updates and reminders
- Celebrate learning and achievements
- Post photographs and class news
- Share newsletters and key information
- Keep you informed about what your child is learning

 We encourage families to check Google Classroom regularly and use it as a starting point for conversations about learning at home.

★ Google Classroom will continue to be used throughout your child's time at Loxwood, providing a simple and effective way for us to stay connected and share your child's journey with you.

How Children Learn in Reception




In Reception, children learn through seven interconnected areas of learning and development. These areas work together to help children become confident, curious and independent learners.

Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making Relationships• Self-confidence and Self-awareness• Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Physical Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving and Handling• Health and Self-care	Communication and Language <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening and Attention• Understanding• Speaking	
Specific Areas			
Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• Writing	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numbers• Shape, Space and Measures	Understanding the World <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People and Communities• The World• Technology	Expressive Arts and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring and Using Materials and Media• Being Imaginative

- **Prime areas:** the essential skills children need to successfully engage with the world
- **Specific areas:** the building blocks of reading, writing, maths, and other foundation subjects

Characteristics of Effective Learning

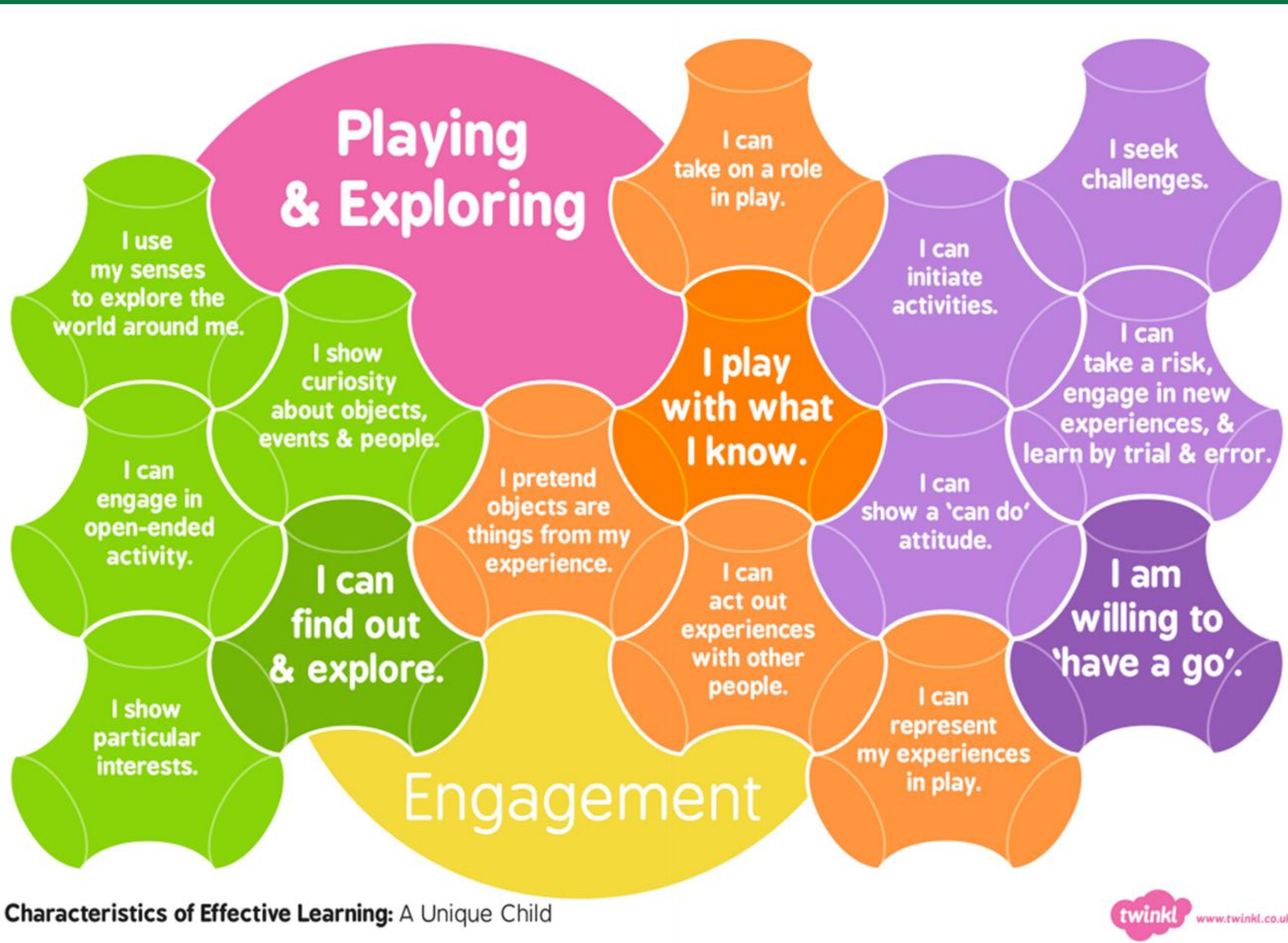
These describe how children learn, helping them become confident, resilient and independent learners.

 Playing & Exploring	 Active Learning	 Creating & Thinking Critically
Exploring new experiences	Concentrating and staying engaged	Having their own ideas
Using imagination and play	Persevering when things are challenging	Making links and spotting patterns
Being willing to have a go	Developing confidence through success	Solving problems and trying different approaches

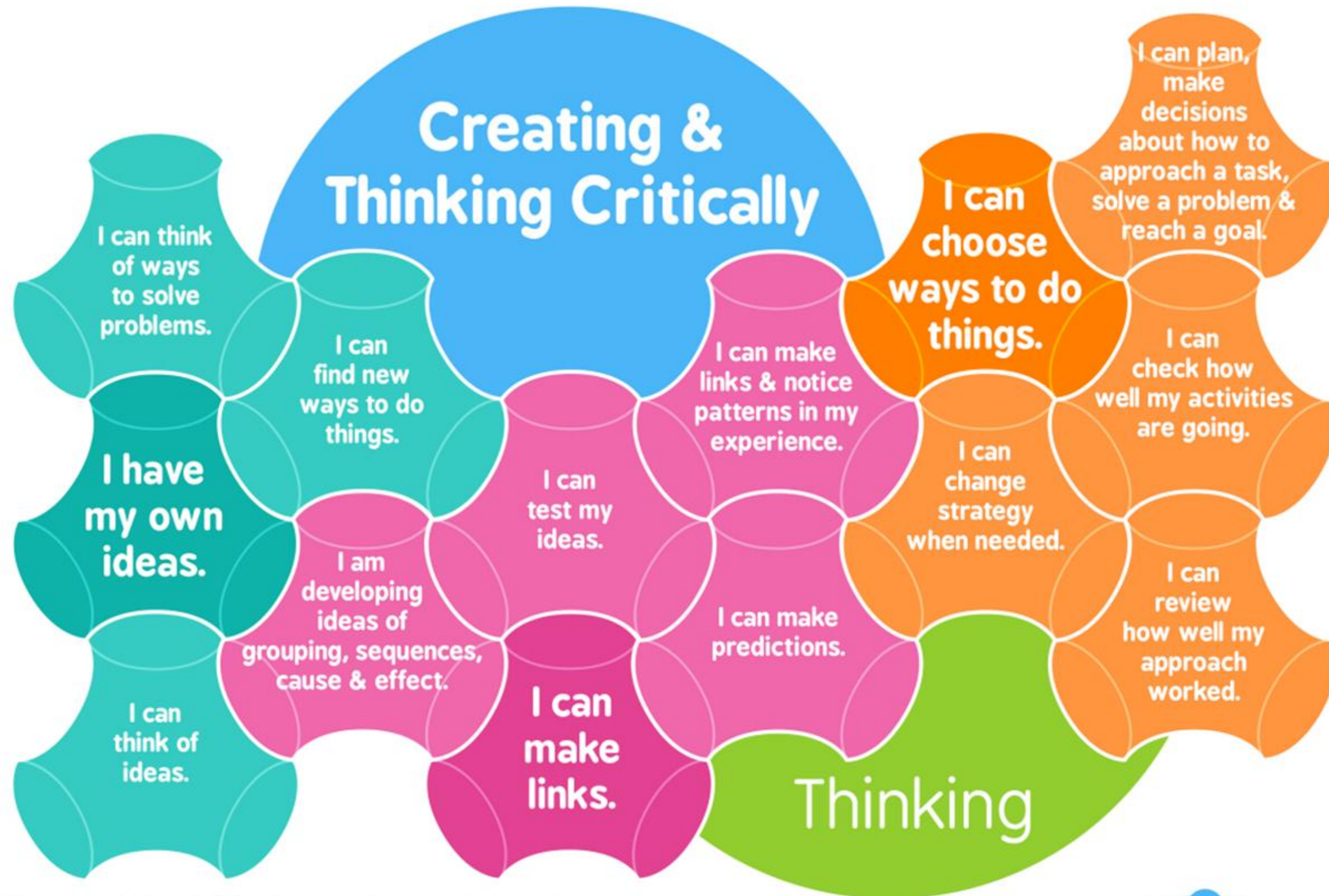
Why is this important?

In Reception, we encourage children to be curious, resilient and independent. These learning behaviours are the foundation for future success in school and beyond.

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Helping Your Child Be School Ready

There are a few simple skills you can practise over the summer to help your child feel confident and independent when they start school.

Toileting

- Use the toilet and wash hands independently
- Let us know if your child needs additional support



Dressing Independently

- Practise putting on coats, shoes and clothing independently
- Choose easy-to-manage items such as Velcro shoes and elasticated waistbands
- Please avoid belts where possible



Lunchtime Skills

We will support children during the settling-in period, but practising at home can make a big difference.

- Encourage your child to:
 - Use a knife and fork
 - Open lunchboxes, containers and packets
 - Use drinks bottles independently



★ Remember: Every child develops at their own pace. We will work together to ensure your child has the very best start to school.

What will My Child Need From Day One?

To help your child settle in smoothly, please ensure they bring the following items to school from their first day:

- ✓ A named refillable water bottle (with a sports lid)
- ✓ A named school book bag
- ✓ A PE bag to keep at school, containing:
 - PE kit (including a T-shirt in their house colour)



A spare change of clothes for messy play and outdoor learning

- ✓ A named pair of wellies to keep at school
 - Please label everything clearly – named items are much more likely to find their way back home!
- ⊘ Please do not send toys, teddies or other personal items to school, as these can easily get lost or become a distraction during the school day.

★ Ready for Learning

Having these items from the start helps your child feel prepared, independent and ready to enjoy all the exciting experiences Reception has to offer.

Get Involved in School Life!

We believe that children thrive when school and home work together. There are lots of ways to be involved in your child's learning journey: we are always happy to help.

📖 Support Learning at Home

- Read with your child every day and complete their Reading Record
- Attend parent workshops (e.g. Read Write Inc. Phonics)

🎉 Join Our School Community

- School trips and special events
- Christmas Nativity
- Christmas Fair
- Summer Fun Day
- Assemblies and Sports Days
- Celebration Assemblies



🔊 Stay Connected

- Read our weekly newsletter, Up to the Minute
- Visit our website: www.loxwoodschool.com
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram



🚪 Open Door Policy

We value strong relationships with our families. If you have a question, concern or simply want to share something important, please come and talk to us—w

Together, we can make your child's start to school a happy, successful and memorable one! 🌟🍏📊🎨

Get Involved in School Life!



At Loxwood Primary School, we use Read Write Inc. Phonics, a government-approved programme that helps children learn to read and write confidently from the very start of their school journey.

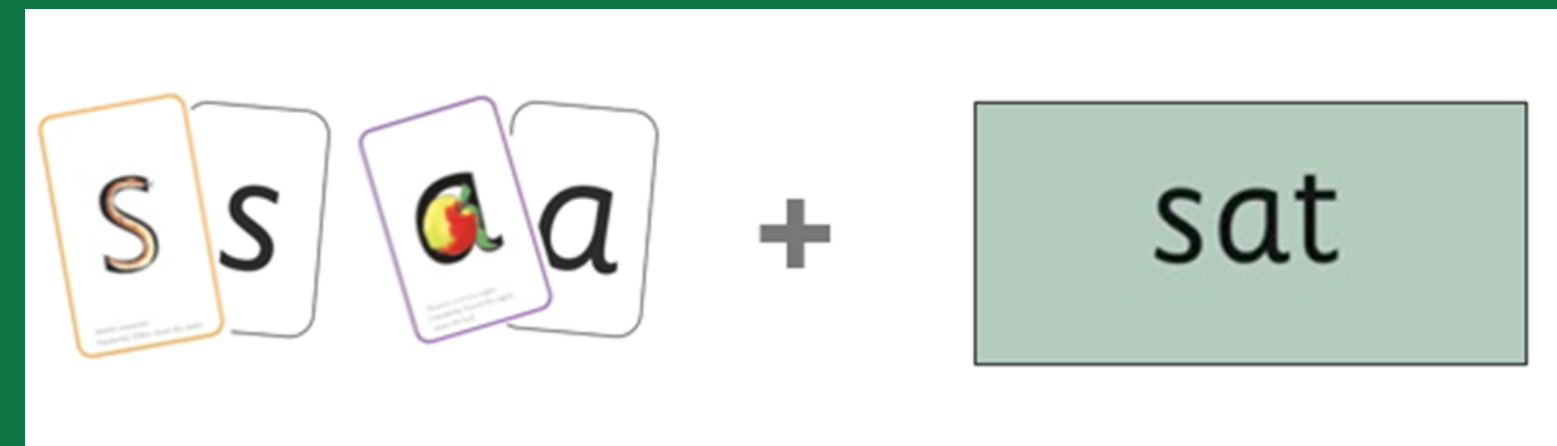
The programme teaches children to:

- Learn letter sounds
- Blend sounds to read words
- Read with increasing fluency and confidence
- Develop early writing skills



Parent Workshop

We will hold a Read Write Inc. workshop in the Autumn Term to explain how the programme works and share ways you can support your child at home.



 A little reading practice every day makes a big difference! 

Important Dates

Stay and Play Sessions

14th & 16th July 2026

A chance for your child to visit the classroom, meet staff and begin to feel familiar with their new environment.

Home Visits

2nd, 3rd & 4th September 2026

We look forward to meeting your child in a familiar setting and learning more about them before they start school.

Starting School

7th, 8th or 9th September

 Small-group session

9:00am – 12:00pm

10th & 11th September

 All children attend

8:35am – 1:30pm (including lunch)

From 14th September

 Full-time attendance begins

8:35am – 3:05pm

Every child settles differently. If your child would benefit from a longer staggered start, please speak to Mrs Donnelly and we will be happy to discuss this with you.



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SCHOOL STARTER SESSION

Sunday 12th July 9:25 – 10:50



Book at www.little-street.co.uk or call 01403 451677

Any Questions?

Thank you for joining us this evening.

We are excited to welcome you and your child to the Loxwood Primary School family and look forward to working together throughout their Reception journey.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

✉ messages@loxwoodschool.com

☎ 01403 752207

★ We look forward to seeing you again soon at our Stay and Play sessions!
Together, let's make your child's start to school a happy, confident and successful one. 