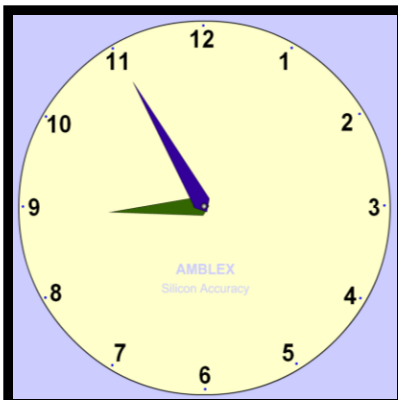
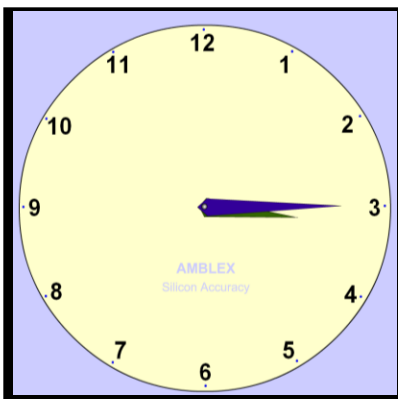


Now you are starting school.....

Bring your child's drawing pages when you start, keep the school information at home.



Now I am 4 years old, I am big enough to go to Reception at Maryland.



I am going to go every day.
I will start at 8:55am and I will go home at 3:15pm.



When I start Class 2, I will have a very lovely teacher, called Mrs Marsh. Here she is.



I will also have a lovely Teaching Assistant called Mrs Blake.

These are some important things that I want to tell my new teacher. I am going to give these special drawings to my teacher on my first day.

My name is



This is a drawing of me and my family

Draw a fantastic picture here

An activity that I really enjoy is....

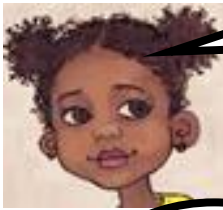


But I am slightly nervous about...

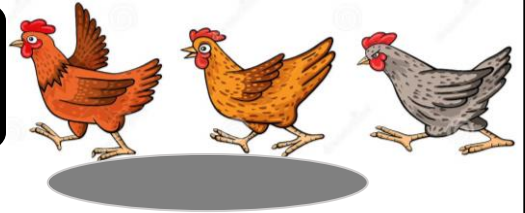


Draw a fantastic picture here

I will be learning about lots of things including:



Counting and writing numbers.



Developing our inquiry skills! I wonder why there are more chickens in the shade? How many are not in the shade?



Learn phonics which is reading using letter sounds. Visit <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/> to find out more.

Developing our hand muscles by doing activities such as squeezing playdoh, using tweezers to move objects and using large chalks to draw outside. When we are ready we then learn to develop pencil control to write letters and words.

Learning to play cooperatively with my friends



Developing my confidence and growth mindset to help me learn through a variety of exciting activities such as...



Painting



Dancing and music



Reading



Playing on the computer



Dressing up



I must not wear jewellery or bring my own toys into school (unless it is a Toy Day).

I will need to bring a book bag so I can take home my reading book, my wonderful pictures, work and important letters.

I should probably have velcro shoes too. Laces are a bit tricky!



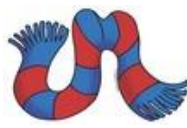
I will wear my school uniform. If I am in Nursery I can wear tracksuit bottoms like these it will make it easier for me to go to the toilet and to get dressed by myself.



If I am in Reception I can wear trousers and will need a PE Kit too - shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls and tracksuit bottoms for when it's cold. I will bring my PE kit to school on Monday and take it home on Friday to be washed.



We do lots of our learning outside so I will need a coat, hat, scarf and gloves if it is cold.



At Nursery my teacher will give me a drink of milk each day to help me be healthy. I will need to eat some fruit & vegetables each day at home too. When I get to Reception I will no longer be given milk by the teacher but instead I will be given a delicious piece of fruit to enjoy at break time.



Yum, yum

Follow the rules. If I am really good, I might get a sticker or even go to the 'Goody Box'.



If I don't follow the rules I might have to go to the 'thinking chair'.



I'm sure that will never happen!

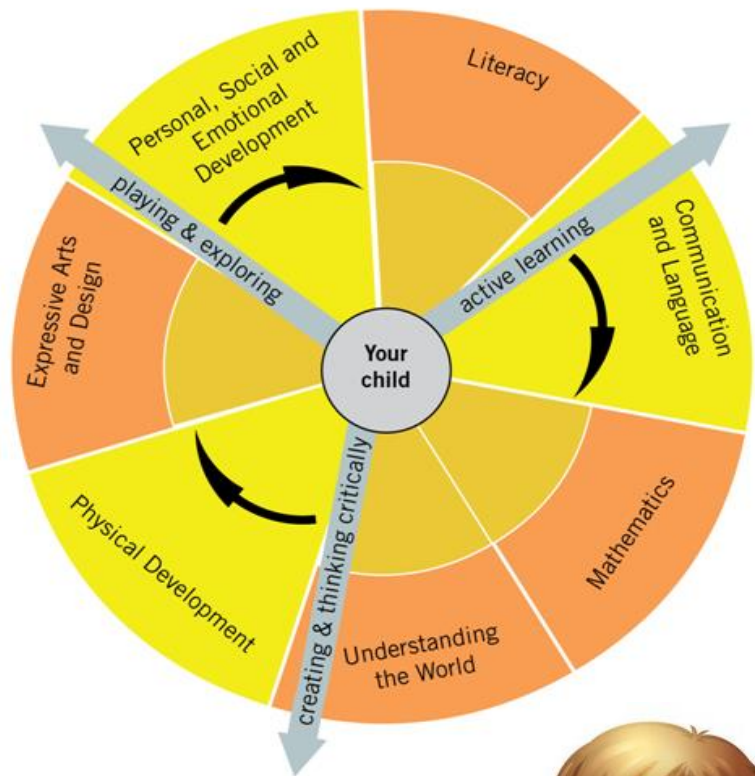
What will I do in my new class?



There are 7 areas of learning. The adults will look at what we learn, but most importantly, how we learn. Have a look at the picture below.



There are 3 'prime areas' (the yellow ones) and they are super-duper important as they help us to be able to do everything else.



There are also 4 'specific areas' (the orange ones).



So, sometimes I will work with an adult and sometimes I will work by myself or with all of my friends.

The same areas of learning are planned for in Nursery and Reception but at different levels of development/challenge. You can find out more on the Maryland website.

But I heard that you get to just play all of the time ...



It might look like that, but our teachers are giving us time to apply what we have learned in our focus activities. They are going to observe how we learn.

Yes, they change the resources and activities depending on what they observe us doing. You can see photographs of things we do in our books.



The teachers show us where all of the resources are and how to use them when we have focus activities, so that when we have choosing time, we can decide what we want to do and how we want to do it. This helps us to be independent learners.



They also teach us how to be independent and tidy everything away by ourselves. In Reception, after the first term, there are more focussed activities planned to ensure that we are prepared for more formal learning that takes place in Year 1.