

# Welcome to R Bay!



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I am so excited to start learning with you all. R Bay is a really special class and we will have a brilliant time, learning, playing, investigating and exploring together. I love exercising and keeping healthy so together we will be taking lots of walks, practising Yoga, working out and having a dance in our Wellbeing time. We will also be planting vegetables and flowers in our garden and bug hunting.

When I am not at school I love exploring and hiking outdoors, especially the Lake District, my home country Wales, and Cornwall with my family. You might spot me out on my bike! I also spend lots of time taking my children, Evie and Jack, swimming and to swim meets! I love watching Marvel movies, Harry Potter, reading books and listening to LOTS of music. I have been the R Bay teacher for a few years and love getting to know our new children and families, and sharing the start of their Parkdale journey with them.

We have a family photo wall in our classroom to help your child feel right at home. Please send a family photo for us to print to  
[hrippon@parkdale.notts.sch.uk](mailto:hrippon@parkdale.notts.sch.uk)

Curiosity is the most wonderful thing you own.  
In R Bay we love to be curious and have adventures! Please always bring a coat as we will go outside to learn and play whatever the weather! We are always adding to our garden and appreciate any spare seeds or bulbs from our green fingered families!



We wear an Active Uniform in Early Years. This means that children only need Parkdale PE Kit. They should wear this every day. PE lesson days are Wednesday and Thursday. Children must not wear earrings on these days. Please label ALL items of clothing.

Every day your child needs : a drink of **water** in a bottle, their reading book and diary and a suitable coat. Due to our small trays we ask that children use a book bag and not a backpack. They are a bit too big for our classroom!

Parents please know there is never a silly question! I know how big a step it is when your child starts school. You can always send me an email or a message via Tapestry. My email is [hrippon@parkdale.notts.sch.uk](mailto:hrippon@parkdale.notts.sch.uk)  
Any queries about school dinners, payments and our school app Scholar Pack are best directed to [office@parkdale.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkdale.notts.sch.uk)



## Useful Information

Once settled in we will send you the details of the online learning platforms our school offers to support your child at home. Phonics Bug provides reading books and games. Purple Mash is a tool we use to explore ICT skills.

In R Bay we love exploring different picture books every day. We also love to read chapter books. This year we have shared George's Marvellous Medicine, Matilda and Dory Fantasmagory. I will let you know what our shared books are and you are welcome to share them at home and suggest books too!

We encourage all children to complete the "50 things to do before you leave Parkdale". You can find the list of family activities on our website. Please share photos on Tapestry! We also take part in the Transform Enrichment Diploma, TED. The TED is completed by all children in the Transform Trust and provides lots of fun activities.

We use an online Journal for sharing your child's special moments. Please download the app, see what we are up to in school and share special events from home with us. We will also share our focus for the weeks ahead.

At Parkdale we are passionate about learning through play, talking and building relationships with our friends, grown-ups and the world around us. Every minute you spend chatting with your child, playing outside or in, or sharing a story will help them to learn and grow.

In Reception we hope to help your children as they begin to learn to read and think about stories, and start their journey to becoming writers. We will help them to build an understanding of numbers and problem solving through investigation. English and Maths are a small part of Reception.

We will explore lots of different topics, starting with "What makes me special, and what is special to me?" where we will compare being 4 now, to when our parents were 4 and share stories about our different heritages. We will ask you to share your own memories of this age; look out for requests on Tapestry.

We will be getting out on balance bikes, doing some cooking, drawing, painting, dancing, building, woodwork, sewing, music-making, dressing up, singing and reading lots of stories! Early Years is all about investigating, talking and playing in our environment, full of challenges. We can't wait to share the year with your children and you!

Please contact the office if you need any help signing up for school milk. We share milk and fruit every day. If your child has an early start and might be hungry you can also send an additional (healthy) snack for your child to have during our story time.



We are extremely lucky to have the support of our Speech and Language Therapist Holly Harris, who usually is in school every Thursday. Holly is here to help support your children with any communication difficulties, support and train staff and is available to discuss any concerns with you. Holly's email is [info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk](mailto:info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk)

