



St James promise

At St James we feel that it is important that children have opportunities to develop and grow that go beyond the classroom. School is more than just academic attainment, we want our children to grow as individuals, ready to move on to their next steps as well-rounded citizens.

As a staff, we have thought carefully about experiences that our children may not have, and have then looked at how we can include them into school life, so that children's knowledge and experiences of the world around them is broadened supporting them to be ready for the future.

We have chosen 5-7 age appropriate activities and/or experiences for each phase of school (Reception, KS1, LKS2, UKS2). By the end of each phase, all children will have had the opportunity to take part in the activities.

As well as the specific experiences for each phase, there are some that we feel all children should be able to access throughout their time at St James. They are:

-Money skills. We are now in an age where it is less common to have 'real' money, it is far more common to pay for items with a card. Because of this, children's understanding of money has been affected. As part of our St James Promise, all children will have opportunities to develop their understanding of money and budgeting throughout their time with us. This may be through specific lessons that focus on money and budgeting or could be through experience days that are given to all children.

-Time to reflect and be quiet. Having dedicated time to be still, to be quiet and to reflect is important. In every worship, time to be still and reflect is included. Time will also be given at points throughout the year to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

-Opportunities to be a 'Good Samaritan'. The parable of the Good Samaritan underpins our school vision. We provide and encourage lots of opportunities for children to both understand and demonstrate the values that the Good Samaritan teaches us.

The specific experiences for each phase are below.

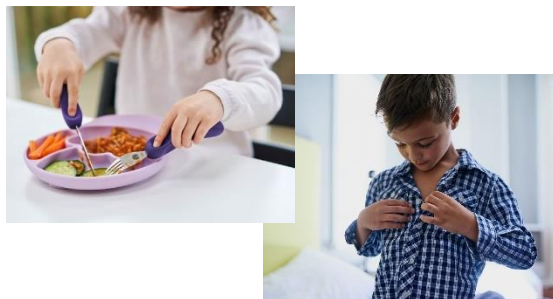
Reception

By the end of Reception, children will have had the opportunity to:



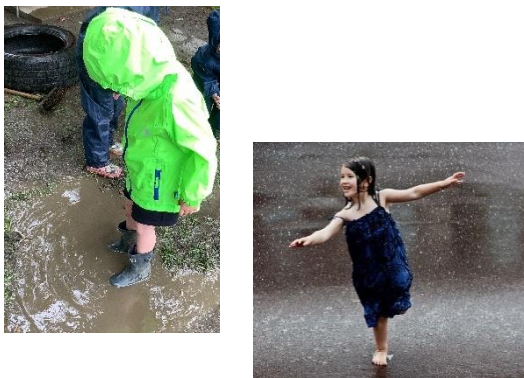
Listen to bedtime stories

Practice looking after themselves: getting dressed and using a knife and fork



Have a picnic in the park

Dance in the rain



Make new friends and play new games

Hold a minibeast



Key Stage 1 By the end of KS1, children will have had the opportunity to:

Share a story with a family member



Try foods from different cultures

Eat out



Go to the seaside and have an ice-cream



Perform in front of an audience

Meet important people from our community



Visit a Mosque

Lower Key Stage 2

By the end of LKS2, children will have had the opportunity to:



Learn basic First Aid

Complete a puzzle!



Visit a library

Catch a bus



Go on a residential with friends

Visit a Gurdwara



Upper Key Stage 2

By the end of UKS2, children will have had the opportunity to:

Develop their leadership skills
and take on responsibilities



Have a sleepover with their
friends

Look at the stars in the night
sky



Take a role in the production

Visit a synagogue



Go to the theatre