



Welcome to TIMU

Early Years Foundation Stage

Together Everyone Learns More



Outdoors all year round

Wildlife Wanderers

Every week, the children get the opportunity to build a bond with the natural world. We might harvest moss or create some water colour paintings in the bluebells.

Seasonal changes - What does my child need?

- A pair of wellies and a raincoat, to keep in school.
- In the winter months ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarfs.
- In the summer months ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream.

TOP TIPS:

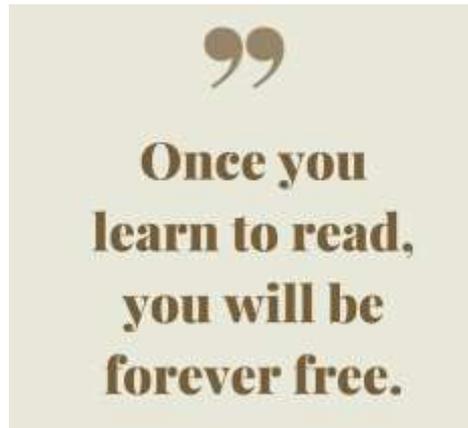
Practise getting dressed at home this summer. Encourage independent dressing as much as you can. You might like to play races or use key words, like pull, push, squeeze, tug, wiggle to help your little one get control of those naughty clothes.

Show your child where you have put their name, so that they know where to look for it throughout the school day.

Add keyrings to zips and book bags to help your child identify their belongings.

PLEASE ENSURE EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING IS CLEARLY NAMED IN PERMENANT MARKER OR WITH AN IRON ON STICKER.

Reading Reading Reading....



Here at TIMU we believe that if a child can read they can teach themselves anything and they can do this for the rest of their lives. In Year R, this is where that journey begins.

A few things to remember....

It is hard! It is as hard as learning another language.

Your child will require lots of praise and an abundance of patience.

We ask all of our parents to share books a minimum of **3 times per week**. **This is tracked and reported on in your child's first report**. Please **sign the reading record** and you can also add a little comment to let us know. It doesn't have to be the school book, it could be anything, a letter, a leaflet, a comic even a film title.

Your child can choose their reading book. So if your receive the same one many times, it is a great sign that they are developing a love of reading. Do not worry, your child is exposed to books and new words for reading throughout the day everyday.





Becoming more independent

It is a great help if your little one has begun to learn the following life skills...

- Toileting skills – we can assist, but we cannot wipe bottoms.
- Zips, Velcro and buttons – explore these and how they work.
- Using a knife and fork to cut up their dinner. Give some time to strengthening those little fingers.
- Talk to your child about emotions. Validate them and give them strategies to calm themselves down.



Your child's learning and development will be observed and tracked every week. With the Tapestry app, observations will be sent to your phone. The more you can tell us about what they have been up to the better! We can endeavour to build on your home learning in school.

Please do not use this app as a school contact. Always call the office or come and speak to a member of staff directly after school if you have any queries or concerns.

AFFIRMATIONS FOR KIDS



I AM KIND

I AM A GREAT FRIEND

I AM A GOOD LISTENER

I AM SAFE

I LOVE TRYING NEW THINGS

I AM HELPFUL

I AM THANKFUL

I AM BRAVE

I TRY MY HARDEST

I AM IMPORTANT

I HAVE MANY GIFTS AND
TALENTS

I AM CREATIVE

I HAVE GREAT IDEAS

I AM MINDFUL

I THINK POSITIVELY

I AM HONEST

I AM CALM

I AM THOUGHTFUL

I DO MY BEST

I HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE

I AM PEACEFUL

I AM RESPECTFUL

I BELIEVE IN MYSELF

I AM LOVED

Teach your child how to regulate their emotions

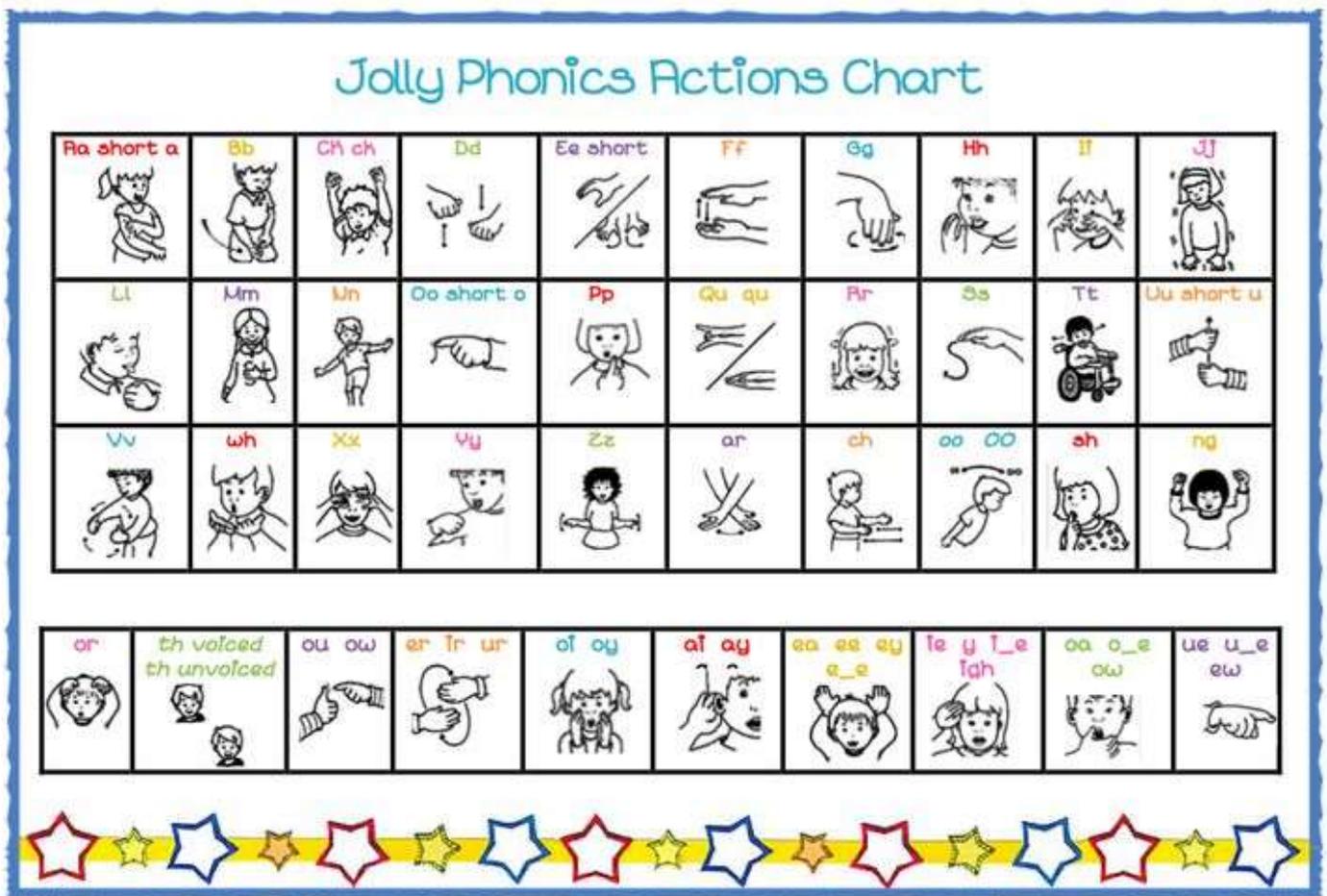
At TIMU we believe in teaching children how to maintain a healthy mind. They will learn to recognise if they are becoming overwhelmed and will be given time to take learning breaks and practise many mindful practises.

POSITIVE LANGUAGE ALTERNATIVES *to tame a child's tantrum*

Calm down.	→	How can I help you?
Stop crying.	→	I can see this is hard for you.
You're ok.	→	Are you ok?
Be quiet.	→	Can you use a softer voice?
Don't hit.	→	Please be gentle.
Stop yelling.	→	Take a deep breath, then tell me what happened.
Don't get upset.	→	It's ok to feel sad.
That's enough.	→	Do you need a hug?
I'm over this.	→	I'm here for you.

Phonics

These are the actions that will be taught alongside the new letter sounds that your child will learn.



Tricky words

Some words cannot be sounded out and so we call them Tricky words. Our aim is for your child to be able to sight read the following words by the end of the year.

There are some useful links to support you with these on our website.

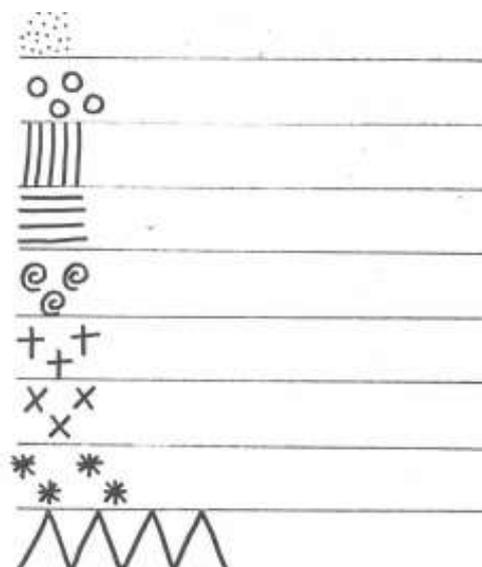
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to	she are
I	we my
no	me her
go	be
into	was
	you
	they

Handwriting

In the first two terms at TIMU your child will learn to form handwriting patterns. We use many fine motor activities to help build strength in your child's fingers. Activities like, weaving, threading, painting, chalking and playdough are used every day to improve your children movement and handling skills. Once we know your child is ready we move onto to teaching cursive letter formation.

Why not practise the patterns everywhere you go this summer? On the beach, in the sand, in the bath, into bubbles. Have fun getting ready for writing!

These are just of the patterns that we will be practising in September.



You can find more information about our handwriting on our website.