Welcome to the Reception learning space at St. Martin de Porres School. We work as a combined Reception group to develop community and collaborative learning while nurturing students' well-being and growth as young learners. We hope that you and your child experience many happy and fulfilling times with us this year.

Getting Organised

Message Folder
The message folder is used as a tool for parent/teacher communication. Your child's communication book and reader will be kept in the message folder and it is essential that it is brought to school each day. Please consistently check your child's message folder.

Communication Book
This year we will be using a communication book. We will use this book to share information between school and home. Please remind your child to put their communication book in the basket on the days they have a note for the teacher.

Notes
Please place any communication for the office in the 'Office Box' each morning.

Canteen
Children are able to order their lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lunch orders will need to be placed in the 'yellow lunch box' on the appropriate morning.

Hats
Please ensure that your child has a named hat each day this term to ensure that they are able to go out to play at recess and lunch.

Physical Education
PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday. They will need to wear their sports uniform on these days.

Library Borrowing
We will visit the school library every Thursday. Please provide a library bag (calico bags are good) for library borrowing and ensure that your child brings their books and bag back every week.

Healthy Snack & Water Bottles
Please see the attached note.

Home Reading
Your child will be given a hard reader cover for home reading. Please cover this in contact and clearly name it on the outside so that it is easily recognisable to your child and their teacher.

Readers will be sent home during week 4. Information regarding supporting your child with their home reading will be sent with the readers.

Please send in:

Family Photo
Please provide a standard family photo for your child to display in the classroom.

Art Smock
Please ensure your child has a labelled art smock. These smocks will need to be kept in the front pocket of school bag for easy access when participating in art and craft activities.

Ear Phones
Please send a set of labelled headphones suitable for ICT use. They will need to be kept in a labelled bag that your child is able to use and seal.

Playful Learning
The learning space will open at 8:45 and children are invited to complete their morning jobs. Once jobs are completed, your child can then find their playful learning activity. At 9am, we ask parents to say goodbye to their child so the children are able to continue their learning activities independently.

More information regarding Playful Learning at St Martin's will be sent home soon.
ENGLISH
- Alphabet Sounds
- Letter Formation
- Explore and develop reading and writing strategies
- Writer’s Workshop

MATHS
- Number – recognition, ordering, counting strategies
- Sorting
- Patterning
- Data Collection about class members

HEALTH & P.E
- Fundamental movement skills
- Identifying personal strengths
- Protective practices

SCHOOL LIFE
- Establishing school routines in the class and playground
- Developing friendships with peers
- Participate in independent and group activities

INQUIRY TOPIC
Who am I?
Term 1

VISUAL ARTS
- Self Portraits
- Exploring different mediums to create artworks - pencils, textas, oil-pastels, paints, clay, playdough

INVESTIGATIONS
(History/Geography)
- My Special Places
- My Family / Family Tree
- My Family History

MUSIC (Mrs Toni Smedley)
- Listening and responding to music
- Singing
- Playing percussion instruments

ITALIAN (Senora Valente)
- Learning greetings and simple phrases in Italian

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- Prayer
- Exploring different types of prayer
- Learn the Our Father and school prayer
- Lent/Easter
- Preparation for Easter
- Project Compassion
- Holy Week/Easter stories

Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to explore who they are... as a unique individual, as a student of St Martin’s, as a member of their family unit and as a disciple of Jesus.