

Olivia, Freddie and Alex are coming to Mercer's Wood Academy



What happens when I get to school?

Your grown-up will drop you off at the Early Years gate. Your teacher will say hello and an adult will take you into school.

You will hang up your coat and school rucksack on your own coat peg, leave your lunchbox on the trolley and put your water bottle by the sink.



Olivia feels excited hanging up her rucksack. "I'm going to have lots of fun at school today," she says.

While you wait for everyone to arrive, you can do table activities such as posting your name in a box, copying your name or threading beads.

While Freddie and Alex wait, they play a game.

When everyone is in class, you will sit with your classmates in a circle, singing "good morning", and do a 'warm-up' activity, such as counting how many children there are and the days on the calendar.



Are you excited to be starting school?

What will I do in school?

You will learn and make friends while you play. Sometimes your teacher will lead the activity and sometimes you will choose.

Olivia and Alex are quietly reading together.



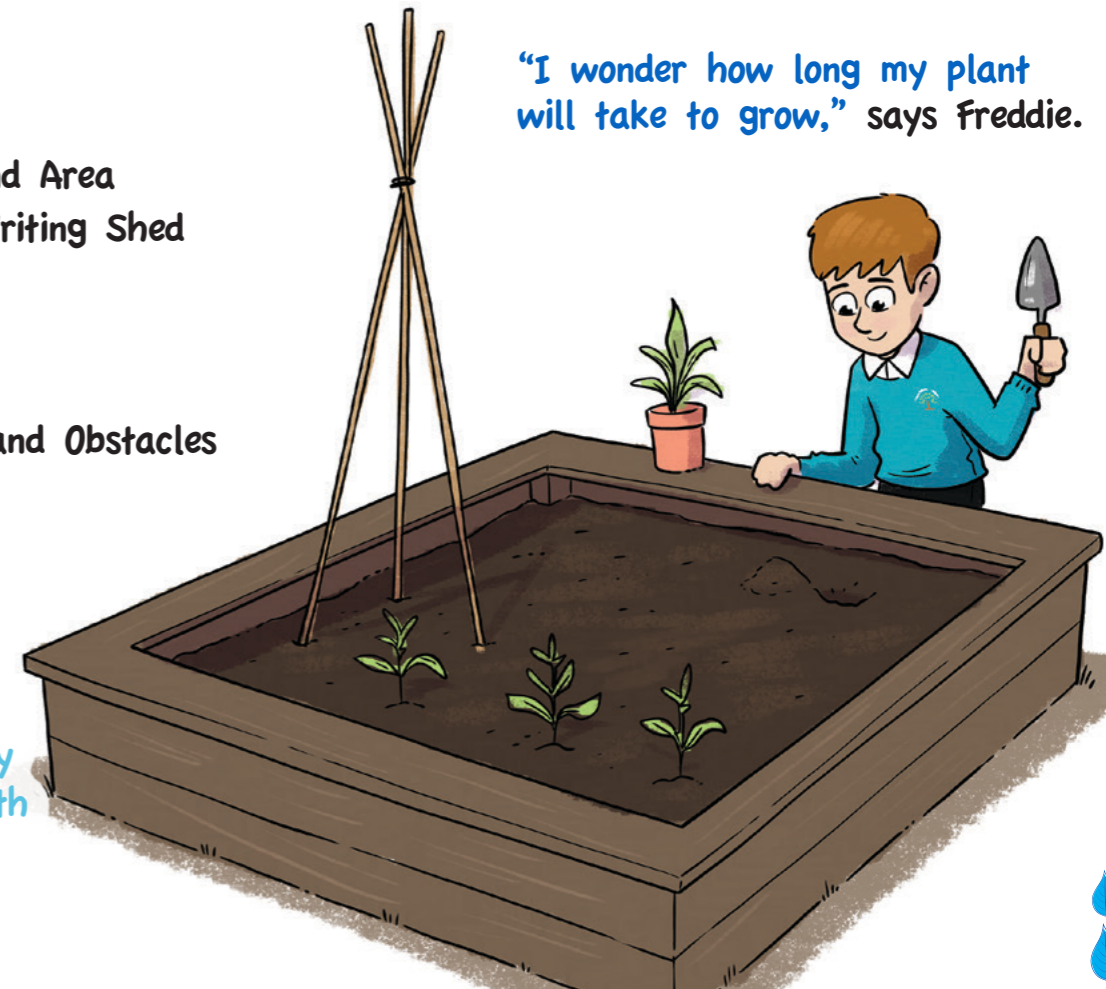
There are lots of activities to choose from, both indoors...

- Creative Area
- Reading and Writing Area
- Role Play
- Funky Fingers
- Construction Area
- Sand
- Water
- Small World Area

...and outdoors:

- Water and Sand Area
- Reading and Writing Shed
- Garden Area
- Bikes
- Bug Hotel
- Tyres, Planks and Obstacles
- Mud Kitchen
- Musical Area

You will also take a book home every day to look at with your grown-up.



Which activity would you like to do?

What happens if I need the toilet?

You can go to the toilet whenever you need to. Just put your hand up to let your teacher know.

The toilets are just outside the classroom and everything is the right size for children.

Olivia practised at home, while wearing her uniform, so she knew what to do.

If you have an accident, don't worry. Just let your teacher know and they will help you.



After flushing, Olivia was very careful to wash her hands for 20 seconds and dry them. "I don't want to spread any germs," she says to herself.

Are you going to practise at home, like Olivia?

What happens if I am hungry or thirsty?

In the morning, there is snack time. Sometimes you will eat outside and sometimes inside. We all sit together and wait until everyone has finished before starting our next activity.

If you are thirsty during the day, you can drink from your water bottle.

At lunchtime, you will go into the hall. At home, your grown-up will have already chosen what healthy, tasty food you are getting and you will pick it up from the serving area. If you prefer, you can also bring in a packed lunch from home.

You can sit with your friends and there will be kind adults to help.



Alex is using a knife and fork to eat lunch. "It's super tasty," says Alex. Olivia is enjoying her crisp, juicy apple from home.

"I like it when we eat together," says Freddie.

What is your favourite food?

At home time, your grown-up will collect you.



“I’ve had a fantastic day at school,” says Freddie to his grown-up. “I can’t wait to come back tomorrow.”



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