

Specific Areas

Literacy

Reading and Writing

How children develop an interest in books and stories and develop phonic understanding which will allow them to read and write words.

Mathematics

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measures

How children understand numbers and calculations and begin to solve mathematical problems. How they explore a range of mathematical activities including time, money, speed, weight, capacity, position and patterns.

Understanding the World

The World, People, Communities and Technology

How children learn about people and the communities in which they live, the natural and man-made world and are able to explore the world of technology.

Expressive Arts and Design

Explore Media, Materials & being Creative

How children use their imaginations to bring the world around them alive through a range of arts and crafts, music and dance.

The Early Years Curriculum

Information for Parents

What is the Early Years Curriculum?

The **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old that must be followed by schools. It sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements to keep your child **safe** and promote their welfare
- The 7 areas of **learning and development** which guide key workers engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and knowledge
- Expected levels that your child should reach at age 5, at the end of the reception year.



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Prime Areas

How my child will be learning

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside. Children will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

The Prime Areas - Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first.

Specific Areas - As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**.

Prime Area - Communication and Language

Listening & Attention

How children focus their attention and develop skills needed to concentrate on a speaker.

Speaking

How children develop communication skills including their speech and how they express themselves and use appropriate language.

Understanding

How children's interactions help them to develop an understanding of language including asking and answering questions and following instructions.

By 4, children should be able to answer questions about 'why' something has happened and use longer sentences



Prime Area - Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Managing Feelings

How children develop an understanding of feelings, emotions and empathy. It includes learning how to behave appropriately

Self Confidence & Self Awareness

How children develop an understanding of themselves as an individual.

Making relationships

How children develop social skills and learn how to interact with others and make friends.

Prime Area - Physical Development



Moving and handling

How children develop fine (small) and gross (large) motor skills including early mark making.

Health and Self Care

How children learn to be healthy (hand washing, health eating, toileting) and stay safe (crossing roads, sun protection).