

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

A child's early years are the building blocks for future learning. Through play, with the appropriate guidance and challenges, children enjoy learning and exploring the world around them. The EYFS ensures pre-school help children achieve this working closely with parents who are their most important educator.

The EYFS has 4 main themes:

A Unique Child

Everyone is different, enjoys different things and learns in different ways.

Positive Relationships

These are between you, your child and your keyperson, and is about how your child learns to be independent, socialise and make friends.

Enabling Environments

We aim to provide challenging activities and resources both inside and out that will provide play opportunities for your child that induces a passion to learn.

Learning and Developing

This is split into 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas with Early Learning Goals that most children will reach by the end of Reception aged 5. The 3 prime areas are fundamental in ensuring that children can achieve in all the other areas. The 4 specific areas are skills that help children become independent and able to participate in society.

Prime Areas

1. **Personal, Social and Emotional Development.** This is how children behave, socialise with others, develop confidence and independence.
2. **Physical Development.** Ways children develop movement large and small – running, jumping, using scissors and tools. It also involves understanding themselves and their needs.
3. **Communication and Language.** Children's development of speaking and listening skills, as well as their understanding of language verbal and non-verbal.

Specific Areas

1. **Literacy.** Children's development of reading and writing.
2. **Mathematics.** Looking at mathematical concepts including numbers, shapes, measure and simple sums.
3. **Understanding of the world.** Children's exploration of the world and what it means to them.
4. **Expressive Art & Design.** How children use art and music to express themselves, and the ways they develop their imagination.

Your child develops all these skills during play around the setting and at home. This is called learning through play.