

OUR CURRICULUM IS GUIDED BY THE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE IS A CURRICULUM FROM BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS OLD, WE FOLLOW THE STRANDS SET BY THIS CURRICULUM AND CONCENTRATE THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING.

PRIME AREAS:

- 1. PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- 2. PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**
- 3. COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE**

SPECIFIC AREAS:

- 1. LITERACY**
- 2. MATHEMATICS**
- 3. UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD**
- 4. EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN**

NONE OF THESE AREAS CAN BE DELIVERED IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHERS. THEY ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT AND DEPEND ON EACH OTHER. ALL AREAS ARE DELIVERED THROUGH A BALANCE OF ADULT LED AND CHILD INITIATED ACTIVITIES. THROUGH PLAY AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD AND THEIR PLACE IN IT.

RECEPTION CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

PRIME AREAS

Personal, Social & Emotional

Children are encouraged to learn to work, share, take turns and co-operate with others. They are encouraged to be independent and make choices for themselves. They are also encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of others and to respect other cultures and beliefs.

Physical Development

Children are given opportunities to move to music, use equipment, develop and practice their fine and gross motor skills. They develop an increasing understanding of how their body works and what is needed to be healthy. Children have also have the wonderful opportunity of weekly swimming lessons.

Communication & Language

This covers all aspects of language development and provides the foundation for literacy skills. Children's developing competence in speaking and listening is focused on. We aim to extend and enrich the children's vocabulary through story time, rhymes, role-play and group discussions.

Mathematics

We aim for children to achieve mathematical understanding and a firm foundation for numeracy through practical activities and using and understanding language in the development of simple mathematical ideas. We use the White Rose programme of study to inform our mathematics curriculum.

Literacy

We have a variety of resources for the children to use to help them develop early literacy skills. Children are encouraged to use the mark-making areas indoors and outdoors. Children have a daily phonics lesson. Their home readers are carefully matched to their phonics' knowledge and the sequence of teaching.

SPECIFIC AREAS

Understanding the World

All children are given opportunities to solve problems, investigate, make decisions and experiment. They will learn about living things, their environment, the world around them and the people who are important in their lives.

Expressive, Arts and Design

Our curriculum aims to encourage children to represent and understand their own feelings and ideas whilst developing their imagination, creativity and their ability to use media and materials. Children do this in range of ways including singing songs and making music, dancing, playing with colours, textures and design.