

# Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum for children in our Nursery and Reception classes comprises 7 areas:

## Prime areas of learning

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

## Specific areas of learning

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Our EYFS curriculum is delivered using a play-based approach. We plan a balance between children having time and space to engage in activities they initiate themselves and those that are planned by adults. At all times staff interact with the children to challenge and stretch them.

At various times during the day children in Reception class will be taught either as a whole class or in small groups, notably for daily phonics sessions (using the 'Read Write Inc' programme) and short 'Mathematics Mastery' sessions.

Children in the Nursery and Reception classes have access to stimulating inside and outside environments and are encouraged to free-flow between both spaces. Learning opportunities are planned around the interests of the children and are based on spontaneous observations in order to provide opportunities for the next steps in their learning. Some learning opportunities are planned around themes e.g. transport, castles as well as key events in the year e.g. the seasons, festivals.

Further details are available in our [Early Years Policy](#).