

The Early Years Foundation Stage



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S)?

- The E.Y.F.S. is the stage of education for children from **birth** to the **end of the Reception year**.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through **play and active learning**.

Areas of learning...

PRIME AREAS These are crucial for developing children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

1. **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – including 'self-regulation', 'managing self' and 'building relationships'
2. **Communication and Language** – including 'listening, attention and understanding' and 'speaking'
3. **Physical Development** – including 'gross motor' and 'fine motor'

SPECIFIC AREAS

4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive arts and design

Characteristics of learning – The ways in which a child engages with other people and their environment

Playing and exploring – children investigate and experience things and ‘have a go’

- ▶ Finding out and exploring
- ▶ Playing with what they know
- ▶ Being willing to ‘have a go’

Active learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties and enjoy achievements

- ▶ Being involved and concentrating
- ▶ Keeping trying
- ▶ Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas and develop strategies for doing things

- ▶ Having their own ideas
- ▶ Making links
- ▶ Choosing ways to do things















End of the EYFS

- ▶ At the end of the Reception Year your child completes the Early Years Foundation Stage and will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals.
- ▶ You will be given more information on this later in the school year.