

Seven areas of learning and development

- There are 3 prime areas of learning and 4 specific areas of learning.
- All of these areas and development are important and inter-connected.

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- These areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Through these areas the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.

Communication and Language

Listening and attention:

Children listen attentively in a range of situations.

They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.

They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Understanding:

Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Speaking:

Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.

They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas

or events.



Physical Development

Moving and handling:

Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.

They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.

They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Health and self-care:

Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.

They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-confidence and self-awareness:

Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others.

They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities.

They say when they do or don't need help.

Managing feelings and behaviour:

Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable.

They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules.

They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

Making relationships:

Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others

They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.



Literacy

Reading:

Children read and understand simple sentences.

They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.

They also read some common irregular words.

They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Writing:

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.

They also write some irregular common words.

They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.

Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.



Mathematics

Numbers:

Children count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.

Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.

They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Shape, space and measures:

Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and

money to compare quantities and

objects and to solve problems.

They recognise, create and describe patterns.

They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.



Expressive Art and Design

Exploring and using media and materials:

Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them.

They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Being imaginative:

Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.

They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role-play and stories.



Understanding of the World

People and communities:

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.

They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this.

They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

The world:

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.

They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.

They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Technology:

Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.

They select and use technology for particular purposes.



How will my child be assessed?

- Continuous informal assessment through photographs / observations / group activities. This is collated in your child's Learning Journal.
- Informal assessments - independent writing / group tasks / individual tasks
- At the end of the school year children will be assessed against the 7 areas of learning. They will be given judgements of: Emerging / Expected / Exceeding in relation to the areas of learning. A Good Level of Development is based on your child achieving the expected level in the 3 prime areas (PSE, Physical, Communication & Language PLUS in Literacy and Maths)

How will my child be assessed?

- You will also receive a written commentary on your child's achievement based on the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'
- **Playing and exploring – engagement**
 - Finding out and exploring
 - Playing with what they know
 - Being willing to 'have a go'
- **Active learning – motivation**
 - Being involved and concentrating
 - Keeping trying
 - Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
- **Creating and thinking critically – thinking**
 - Having their own ideas
 - Making links
 - Choosing ways to do things