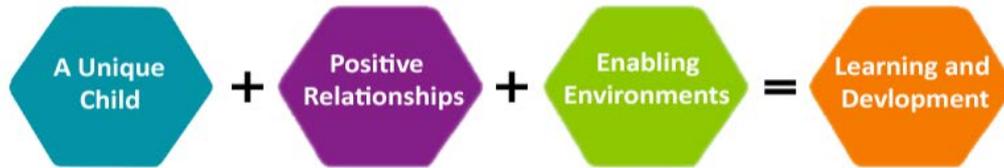


The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum



Children learn from every aspect of life around them. The most valuable resource any child can have at their disposal is a familiar, attuned, sensitive and knowledgeable adult.

Children can learn from the environment, the atmosphere, the routines and the activities and learning experiences presented to them. It is impossible to separate aspects of learning and development in very young children, but the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum helps us as teachers, to track and plan for children's next steps in learning as they aim towards the Early Learning Goals, which are the expectation for the end of their first year in Primary School.



We plan activities for children to help them develop their skills and take their learning forward. The curriculum itself is divided into 7 areas of learning and development:

Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. These are the prime areas of learning, which are:

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

We then support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

The Prime Areas of Learning			
Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	
The Specific Areas of Learning			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design

All teaching is delivered through practical activities and structured play and, as the Reception year progresses, these activities become more formal in order to prepare children for Key Stage 1. Parents are closely involved and are asked to inform staff about their child's interests. The children are regularly assessed to monitor their progress and to enable accurate plans to be made for future teaching and learning. Parents are provided with three formal reports during their child's Reception year.

More information about what learning activities look like for your child at this school can be found on the Topic Grids on the Class Meet Us page.

