

Foundation Stage

Children in the Foundation Stage participate fully in the school's Learning Adventures. Through engaging early with the school's Learning Adventures, children are integrated quickly within the whole school learning community and are able to benefit from the exciting and motivating experiences, which our Learning Adventures provide.

The Foundation Stage curriculum follows the guidance as outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. The framework identifies three prime characteristics of effective learning, which underpin all of the children's experiences in the Foundation Stage:

Playing and Exploring – engagement

Active Learning – motivation

Creating and Thinking Critically – thinking

In addition to the characteristics of effective learning, the EYFS identifies seven specific areas of development:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

The school's Learning Adventures provide a range of opportunities for children to explore their learning across each of the prime and specific areas of development.

Where appropriate, some aspects of the curriculum are taught discreetly i.e. not linked to the school's Learning Adventures – these aspects include daily Mathematics learning, Physical Development, opportunities to develop key reading and writing skills, along with a range of opportunities for children's personal, social and emotional development.

If you would like further information about the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, please ask your child's class teacher or refer to the National Curriculum website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

