

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

The 7 areas of learning are:

Prime areas of learning particularly important in the first 3 years

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and language

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

Children learn and develop through playing, exploring. Being active, creative and being asked questions to help their thinking.

Practitioners plan to meet children's interests and individual needs in order to enable each individual child to reach their full potential.

Communication and language are enhanced by the use of the 'Letters and Sounds' Programme daily which develops children's listening and attention skills by using a structured programme of fun activities. Information will be provided.

Mathematics is also taught daily using activities to promote numeracy and also activities to enhance knowledge of 'Space Shape and Measure'.

There is a well-resourced creative area to enable children to develop artistically. There are also lots of opportunities for messy play.

Home learning books are provided for parents to complete fun activities with their child at home.

The Orbit Application is also used. This is an online tool that parents can access. Information will be given regarding this