

## Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The areas which make up the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum are as follows:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The Foundation Stage is a vital part of every child's learning and development. Throughout the Foundation Stage, children begin to develop key learning skills such as listening, speaking, persistence, co-operation and collaboration, creativity and independence. Our children learn these skills through a variety of activities both indoors and outside and we are committed to making the children's experiences both active and purposeful. We match the activities they are given closely to their stage of development, needs and interests and always allow for the children to develop activities in their own way. Our children are also encouraged to develop skills in reading, writing and mathematics. To begin with this is very much approached through play with more structured approaches introduced when each individual child is ready. This helps our children to get ready for the National Curriculum when they move into Year 1.

During the Reception year, the children are assessed on their progress using the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and parents are kept updated on their progress during the year and given an end of year written report in July.