

Early Years Foundation Stage

Reception is the first year of primary school where children are able to learn and play in a lovely indoor and outdoor setting. Children in the Early Years learn by playing, exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which take place both indoors and outside.

There are seven areas of learning that are used to plan every activity and experience for the children. We encourage children to fully develop within the three **prime areas**: Communication and Language; Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. The prime areas are essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in four **specific areas**. These are: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We provide experiences and support which will help children to develop a positive sense of themselves and of others: respect to others; social skills; and a disposition to learn.

Communication and Language

Children will be provided with opportunities to use their skills in a range of situations to help develop competence in speaking and listening. All children's language skills will be supported using the ShREC approach.

Physical Development

Children will engage in a variety of activities designed to help develop their co-ordination, control, manipulation and movements. Activities will be provided to help and support children in developing and understanding the importance of physical activity and being healthy. They will take part in PE sessions with our PE Coach.

Mathematics

Children will be supported in developing their understanding of problem solving, shapes and numbers in a broad range of contexts in which they can explore, enjoy, learn and practise their skills. They will have a deep understanding of numbers to 10 and beyond.

Literacy

Our children will have a love for reading. There will be lots of opportunities for children to make marks and improve their fine motor skills. We follow Read, Write Inc. Phonics programme which teaches children to read fluently. We use Greg Botrill's Drawing Club to immerse children in stories, traditional tales and animation supporting their imagination and mark making and therefore their writing.

Understanding the World

Children will be supported in developing the knowledge, skills and understanding that will help them learn about the world. They will enjoy investigating, exploring and experimenting both indoors and outdoors with a wide range of materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be provided with opportunities to develop their imagination through art, music, movement, dance, role-play and storytelling. They will be supported in sharing their own thoughts, ideas and feelings, so becoming confident to express themselves.