



The Early Years Foundation Stage

Children's 'Early Years' experiences should be happy, active, fun and secure and support children's individual development, care and learning needs.

In our Early Years Foundation Stage we aim:








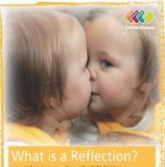










- To provide a safe, secure and happy environment in which children can develop confidence and a positive self-image.
- To encourage children to learn as they play, planning learning activities which motivate, excite and effectively support them through their own unique learning journey.
- To value individual children's needs and abilities.
- To deliver a curriculum which is challenging for all and set in a range of meaningful contexts allowing children the opportunity to consolidate their learning and apply new skills.
- To lay the foundations through play for children's literacy and mathematical development.

We support learning in the following three **prime areas** which are essential for a child's healthy development and future learning:

- Communication and language
 - Listening and attention
 - Understanding
 - Speaking
- Physical development; and
 - Moving and handling
 - Health and Self-care
- Personal, social and emotional development.
 - Making relationships
 - Self-confidence and self-awareness
 - Managing feelings and behaviour

These prime areas help children develop skills in the **specific areas**. These are:

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

	Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Foundation Stage operates a 3 year rolling programme of curriculum themes</p>	<p>2016/17</p>	 <p>Can I have a dog yet?</p>	 <p>What is a fairy tale?</p>	 <p>How does that building stay up?</p>	 <p>Why can't I have chocolate for breakfast?</p>	 <p>Why do spiders eat flies?</p>	 <p>Can we explore it?</p>
	<p>2017/18</p>	 <p>Why do you love me so much?</p>	 <p>What is a reflection?</p>	 <p>Where does snow go?</p>	 <p>Are eggs alive?</p>	 <p>Did dragons exist? Do dragons exist?</p>	 <p>Which is the biggest dinosaur?</p>
	<p>2018/19</p>	 <p>Why do leaves go crispy?</p>	 <p>Are bears real?</p>	 <p>How many colours are in the rainbow?</p>	 <p>What is a shadow?</p>	 <p>Am I the fastest?</p>	 <p>Why is water wet?</p>