







## The curriculum within the Early Years Foundation Stage at Knowles Nursery School is planned around four main themes:

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
<p>Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.</p>	<p>Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key person.</p>	<p>The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning.</p>	<p>Children learn and develop in different ways and at different rates and all areas of Learning and Development are equally important and inter-connected.</p>

Learning and Development is divided into 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas and is underpinned by playing and exploring, active learning and thinking critically.

Effective teaching and learning includes:

- **playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go';
- **active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- **creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Communication and Language</p> 	
<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Expressive arts and design</p> 	<p>Understanding of the World</p> 